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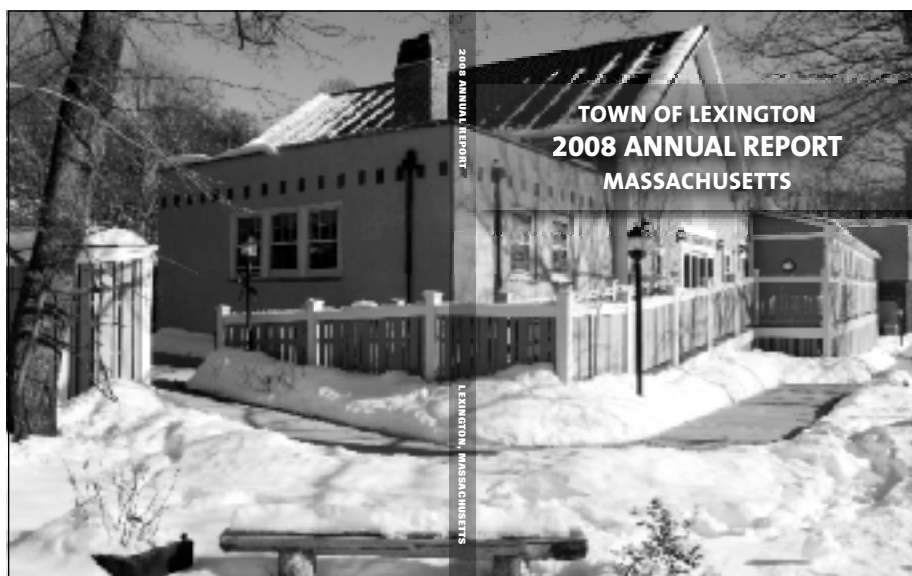
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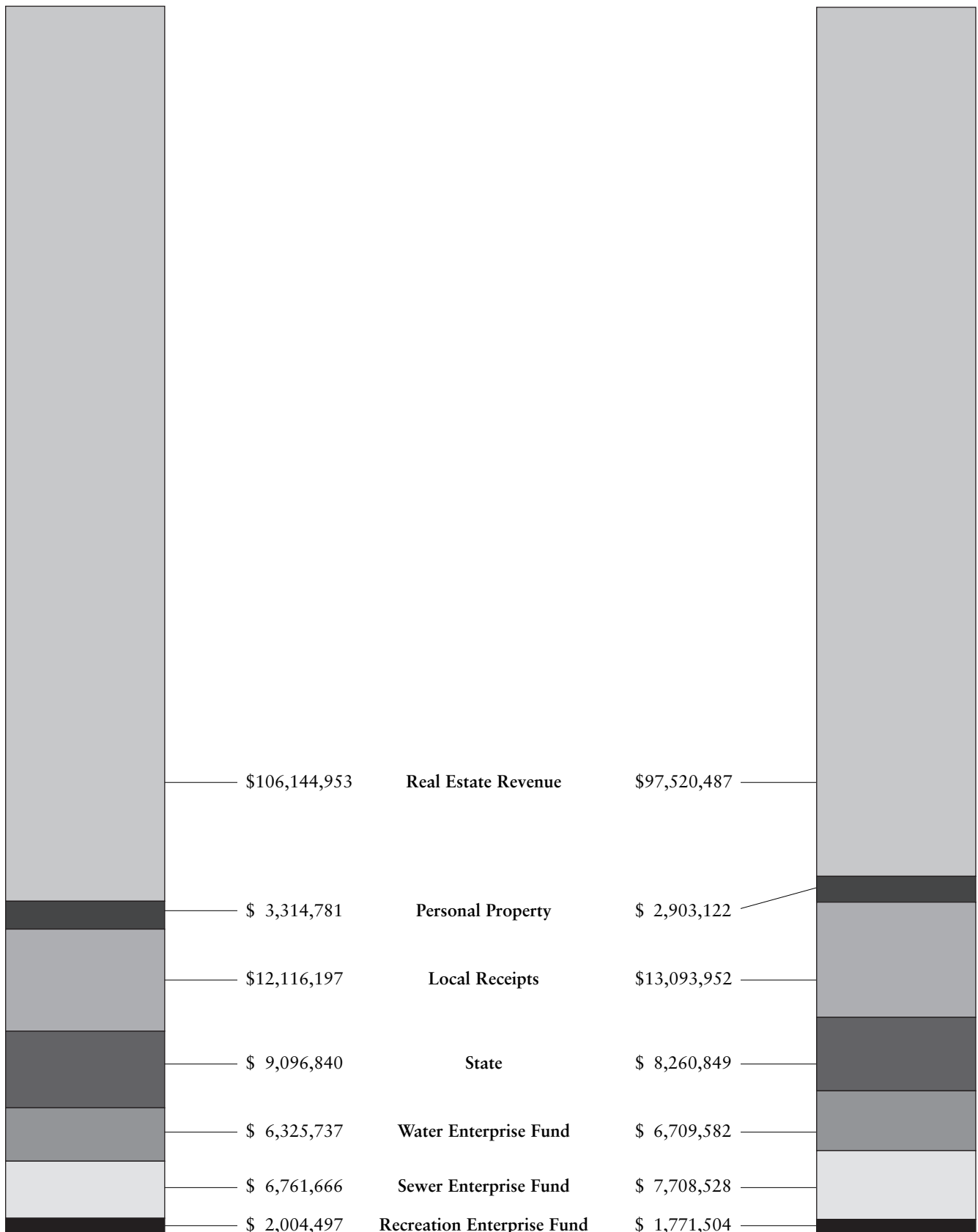
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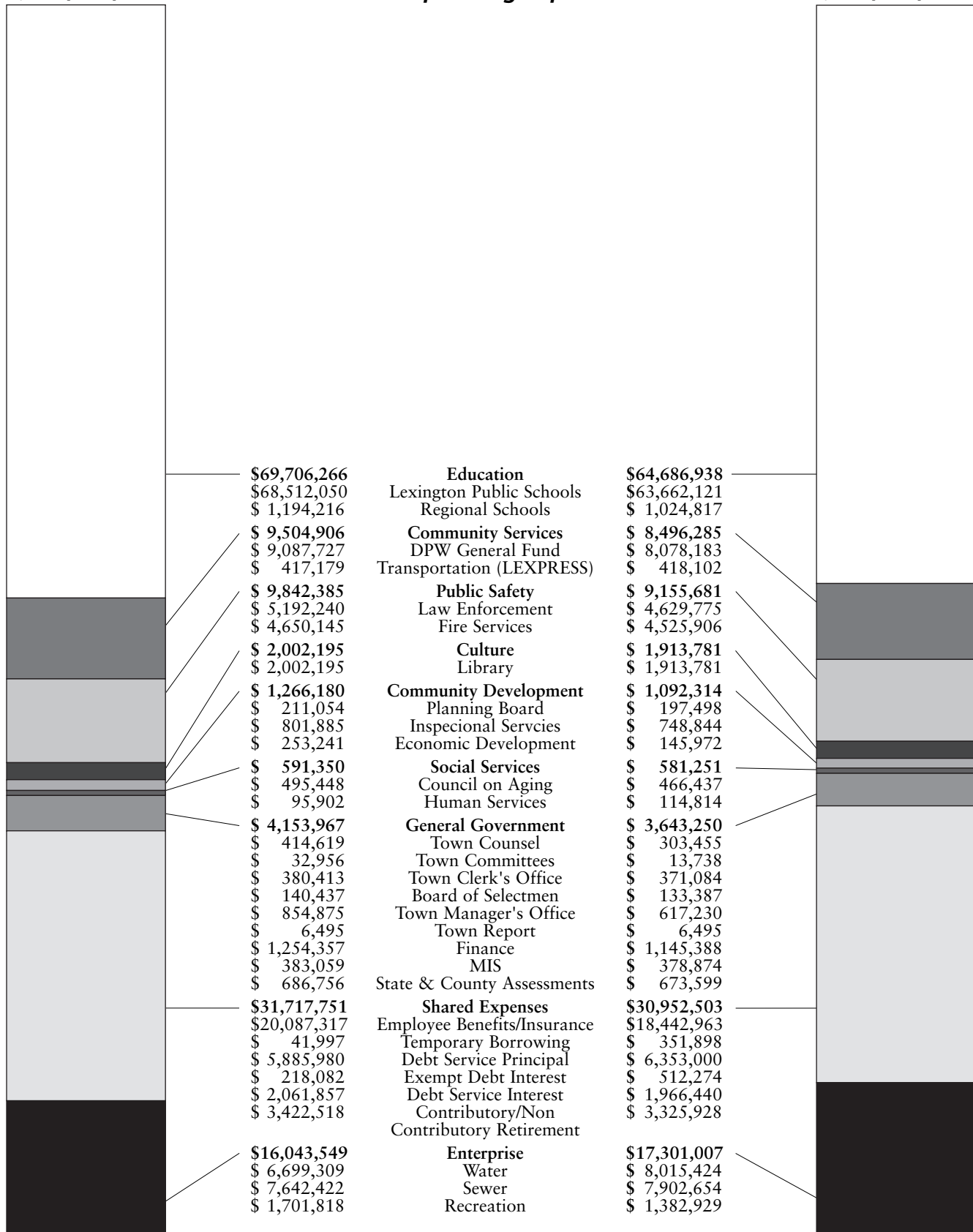
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Narratives summarize activities of the 2008 calendar year. Unless otherwise noted, financial data reports the total dollars expended in the fiscal year (FY) which began July 1 and ended June 30 of the designated year.



ON THE COVER: The Douglas House (remodeled Lexington Press building) is a supportive group home for those living with brain injuries.

2008**Revenue Sources****2007****\$145,764,671****Total Revenue Sources****\$137,968,024**

2008**Operating Expenses****2007****\$144,828,549****Total Operating Expenses****\$137,823,010***Includes actual expenses and encumbrances.*

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Board of Selectmen

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll	\$68,527.....	\$65,952
Expenses	\$71,910.....	\$67,435

ELECTED by the voters at large to 3-year terms: Chair Norman Cohen, Jeanne Krieger, Peter Kelley, Hank Manz and George Burnell.

Fiscal

As 2008 concludes and the BOS prepares the FY2010 budget, the dramatic downturn in the economy dominates fiscal planning. Lexington's adherence to fundamental policies: building reserves in anticipation of this downturn, systematically investing in our infrastructure, and scrutinizing the impact of new programs as well as the way we deliver services, establishes the framework for managing during what has now been characterized as a recession. The economy is likely to impact our planning for the next few years.

The approved FY09 budget accommodated an increase in the Stabilization Fund to \$6.5 million, created a reserve to address swings in the costs of out-of-district Special Education, isolated the facility maintenance budget as a shared expense to better manage the Town's energy expenses, and funded the reconstruction and paving of Woburn Street (including sidewalks on both sides of the street) within the tax levy. Within months after the FY09 budget was approved, however, the Selectmen were obliged to accommodate anticipated shortfalls in the delivery of FY09 state aid. Budgeting for FY10 anticipates a 10% shortfall in state aid of \$900K and poses a series of policy issues including addressing the growth of health care benefits, continued funding for road and sidewalk reconstruction and the amount of reserves used to balance the FY10 budget.

As recommended by the Appropriation Committee at the Annual Town Meeting, a working group has been established to examine the delivery of health care benefits, and is monitoring anticipated state legislation that may provide municipalities more discretion in health care administration decisions.

The Selectmen continue to seek alternate revenue sources to reduce dependence upon the residential tax base. In establishing the tax rate this year, a modest increase in the contribution of the commercial sector was realized for the second consecutive year. The Town voted overwhelmingly to defeat the November statewide ballot initiative that would have recklessly abolished the state income tax. The Economic Development Task Force is now a standing commit-

tee, the Economic Development Advisory Committee. The Planning Board is working diligently to present a program of sustained development at the 2009 Annual Town meeting to enhance commercial development along the Hartwell Avenue Corridor. Proposals for commercial growth in South Lexington abound.

Getting Things Done

Discussion about commercial development has focused Town-wide interest in reducing the impacts of traffic, much of which is not ours. Lexington has joined Weston, Waltham, Lincoln and Burlington in the 128 Center Corridor Coalition (128C3) to improve transit options, bring zoning rules into sync, create a unified system for mitigation efforts, and consider the effects of seemingly unrelated projects across all five communities. The Planning Board and staff secured funds at the Special Town Meeting to develop a traffic management plan in support of the proposed zoning changes along Hartwell Avenue. In conjunction with offering a tax incentive to Shire for development on Spring Street, Lexington has secured a \$1.1 million Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) grant from the state to construct sidewalks on Spring Street and complete intersection improvements at Marrett Road and Spring Street.

Getting around by foot and bicycle remains a high priority. Phase II of the Center Sidewalk was completed, extending the wire-cut brick surface from Waltham Street to Cary Memorial Library. Congregating in the Center has become so popular, the Selectmen had to dust off and update their policy for street performers. The Minuteman Bikepath's induction into the Rails and Trails Hall of Fame was celebrated throughout the length of the bikeway. The Bicycle Advisory Committee has undertaken fund-raising to offset costs of a trial program to clear the bikepath of snow this winter. The transfer of Lot 1 of Middlesex County Land in South Lexington to the care of the Division of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) ensures that this 46-acre tract with its network of trails will remain open for Lexington residents.

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From left to right: Hank Manz, Jeanne Krieger, Norman Cohen, Chairman; Lynne Pease, Executive Clerk; Peter Kelley, George Burnell; Rear: Carl Valente, Town Manager.

Photo: David S. Tabeing

Decisions are being made and priorities established for the care, preservation and reuse of our historic Town buildings. Building studies proceed in three phases: conceptual study to evaluate the condition and potential uses of the space, preparation of design and engineer documents, and finally construction funding. Each of these is funded separately and in sequence, allowing for ample public process. In the case of the Stone Building, two options were developed from a conceptual study funded under the Community Preservation Act (CPA) for its rehabilitation. The Stone Building, the former East Lexington Branch Library, closed in August of 2007 due to water damage. This building is an historic asset of the Town, built in 1833 and on the National Register of Historic Places. The Library Trustees recommend the option that restores the 'ell' on the back of the building thereby allowing the interior of the building to be used fully for public purposes. A series of intriguing proposals for reuse of the Stone Building have been received and reviewed. The Library Trustees recommend that the site be used as a heritage center and public meeting area in keeping with the building's historic character and the provisions of the Stone family will. Funding for design and engineering work to proceed with the rehabilitation will be sought at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Even during this period of economic constraint, the Selectmen recognize the importance of preserving and preparing for the efficient reuse of municipal buildings. A building evaluation of the vintage 1950's Bedford Street fire station has highlighted the inadequacies of the building for today's fire-fighting and emergency needs. The existing bays simply cannot accommodate the operation of two ambulances, staffed and fitted for Advanced Life Support, nor the mass of modern fire apparatus. Studies are underway to identify improvements in the Town Office Building to use the space that will be freed up when the DPW and Engineering Departments move to their new facility at 201 Bedford Street in the summer of 2009. The Police Station, too, has to be evaluated for improvements and upgrades. The Selectmen are proceeding to formalize transfer of the former Munroe School building to an arts or educational entity in keeping with the sentiments of Town Meeting. When the Munroe School was closed in the early 80's, Town Meeting recognized the importance of establishing an arts center. The Munroe Center serves the needs of Lexington youth unmet by other Town programs.

Communicating Community Values

A highly successful forum on youth related issues, "Over Stressed and Under Pressure", conducted jointly by the Human Services Committee and Town staff, emphasized the need to better coordinate youth services through the Human Services Department. Accordingly, the Department has been reorganized into three divisions: Family/Human Services, Senior Services and Youth Services, to better help families in the community through development of a "clinical team" model. The Selectmen adopted the recommendation of the

Tax Deferral and Exemption Study Committee for a water and sewer discount program for low-income households in Lexington. Home-rule legislation filed on Lexington's behalf to permit the Selectmen to change the minimum age and income limit for residents to receive a tax deferral was passed.

The Selectmen agreed to refinancing conditions offered by MassHousing for the Franklin School property. This will ensure continued commitment to 10 low- and 20 low- and moderate-income units, improve property management and fund renovations. Lexington is the only community where MassHousing has offered this type of proposal. This offer is a tribute to the efforts of LexHAB in providing advice and for managing much of our affordable housing inventory.

The Town has a new website, www.Lexingtonma.gov. The new look and organization will better serve residents eager for the convenience of e-government.

LexMedia, Lexington's public access TV enterprise, has moved to new accommodations at Kline Hall on the campus of the Lexington Hills residential development. With their move LexMedia has become a thriving organization, broadcasting the pulse of Lexington. Check their web page for programming and volunteer opportunities. www.lexmedia.org.

After helping the TV Diner segment of the New England Cable News explore places to eat in Lexington, the Selectmen participated in the FOX25 News first ZipTrip of the year in April. Both programs showcased local businesses, groups, and activities.

The Board of Selectmen is grateful to the residents who have lent their expertise to establish the Human Rights Committee to help the Town deal with problems when incidents of prejudice and hate arise in Lexington.

Photovoltaic solar panels have been installed on the roof of the High School Science Building. Through work done by the Global Warming Action Coalition (GWAC) some 350 residents donated money for the solar panels which was matched by the Mass Technology Council to purchase the \$50,000 worth of equipment capable of generating 4 kilowatts of electricity a day. Another installation of solar panels awaits the selection of a site. Electrical consumption at school buildings has been reduced 14% (1,307,366 kwh) from 2006 to 2008. This reduction represents an annual value of \$248,007 (@ \$.1897/kwh). The replacement of incandescent streetlights throughout town with energy efficient compact fluorescent lights is nearly complete.

The Town was honored to respond to a request for a flag flown over the Battle Green for his unit in Iraq from SFC Kevin Regan of the 151st Regional Support Group Massachusetts National Guard, Victory Base Complex, Baghdad, Iraq. We sent them a Town flag, and in return received from them an American flag flown over their headquarters during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Transitions

Margery Battin announced her intention not to seek reelection as the Town Moderator. For 22 years she has guided our deliberations with wisdom and patience.

Police Chief Chris Casey has announced his retirement. Chris is too young to have served the community for 32 years. During his distinguished career Chris was instrumental in bringing community policing to Lexington.

Budget Officer Michael Young, who started in Lexington as an intern in 2002, has graduated to the Town of Natick where he serves now as Assistant Town Manager.

Lexington Minuteman reporter Ian Murphy bought a suit and took a job with a downtown finance journal. During his tenure in Lexington, Ian proved himself a quick learn and a conscientious reporter of the Town scene.

Our successes are a direct result of the enthusiasm and dedication of Lexington's citizens, the support and leadership of the Town staff, and the collaborative spirit of the appointed and elected Town boards. The role of the Board of Selectmen is largely one of guidance and encouragement for the other citizen's groups serving the Town. ■

Town Manager

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$397,154....	\$366,843
Expenses	\$114,850....	\$198,383
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	7	7
Part Time	2	2

ROLE: As the Chief Executive Officer of the Town, established in the Selectmen-Town Manager Act, the Town Manager administers the policies and procedures of the Board of Selectmen, enforces bylaws and actions passed by Town Meeting, and prepares the budget and manages the daily operation of all Town departments. The Town Manager's Office also includes the Human Resources Office.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Carl Valente in July 2005. In November 2008, the Board of Selectmen extended Mr. Valente's employment agreement for 3 years through June 2011.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Budget

The FY2009 budget process continued the collaborative process followed in the last several years between the staff and the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Appropriation and Capital Expenditures Committees. Five collaborative budget sessions were held during the fall and winter to produce a budget that addressed many pressing needs and resulted in a balanced budget for Town Meeting consideration, without having to request a Proposition 2½ override.

Finance

Lexington is one of approximately 15 communities in the Commonwealth that enjoys a AAA bond rating, the highest achievable. In response to a recommendation of the 2020 Budget Task Force, in 2005 the Board of Selectmen appointed a Financial Policy Review Committee staffed by the Town Manager and Budget Officer. The Committee made its recommendations in March 2006. This report included recommendations regarding the Town's reserves, funding of unfund-

ed liabilities, capital financing and asset renewal and replacement. With this report as an overall policy roadmap, the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen continued recommending a number of funding initiatives to the 2008 Town Meeting to strengthen the Town's financial position, including increasing the Town's stabilization fund reserve by \$1,000,000, bringing the total to nearly \$6,737,000. Given the sharp economic downturn beginning in 2008, it is likely that some portion of this reserve fund will be used in the coming years due to slower growth in tax revenues and likely reductions in State aid. The Town also created two new reserve funds in 2008: a special education stabilization fund initially funded at \$350,000 and a post-employment benefits reserve (to fund retiree benefits) initially funded at \$400,000. Based on a recent actuarial study, the Town's post-retirement liability over the next 30 years is approximately \$100 million.

The Library and Police Department continued a trial program to develop a performance measurement system for these departments. A number of performance measures were developed using a system created by the International City/County Management Association's Center for Performance Measurement. Lexington participated in a consortium with Hingham, Needham, Danvers, North Andover and Bedford, to measure the performance of library and police operations. The Town Manager hopes to expand this program to other departments over the coming year.

In October the Board of Selectmen established water/sewer rates for the year. Based on a staff recommendation, sewer rates were held constant for the second straight year. Water rates increased by 9.5 percent. The combined water/sewer charge for the average residential customer increased by 2.9 percent or \$36 annually. After several years of close scrutiny by the Selectmen, the water and sewer enterprise funds have stabilized financially with each fund having an adequate reserve.

Economic Development

The Board of Selectmen identified economic development as a priority for the Town. To this end, an Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) was created

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based on the recommendation of the Economic Development Task Force. The EDAC will:

- Develop and recommend programs to the Board of Selectmen pertaining to economic development;
- Be a proponent for current and prospective businesses in Lexington;
- Inform Lexington taxpayers about economic development issues;
- Promote streamlining of the Town's regulatory processes as they relate to commercial development;
- Provide a committee perspective and/or recommendation on specific commercial development proposals;
- Review economic development incentives for specific commercial development proposals;
- Coordinate its work with other relevant boards and committees on economic development issues to enhance effectiveness and avoid redundancy.

Susan Yanofsky, the Economic Development Officer, was able to secure a \$1.1 million economic development infrastructure grant from the State. The grant will be used to improve the Marrett/Spring/Bridge Street intersection and add sidewalks to Spring Street. Both of these projects have long been on the Town's planning list to improve pedestrian and traffic safety in this area.

In June, Shire HGT, the Cambridge biopharmaceutical company, broke ground on its new production facility at the Lexington Technology Park. Over the next 4 years Shire will invest \$394 million in facilities in Lexington resulting in 680 new jobs. In December, Patriot Partners, the owner/developer of Lexington Technology Park, was evaluating further expanding the development on this site to accommodate further expansion by Shire or other biotech companies.

As 2008 came to a close, the Town was also evaluating a proposal by the Beal Companies to expand at its Hayden Avenue-Ledgemont site. This proposal will likely be brought before the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Senior Management Team

The Town Manager's Senior Management Team (SMT), made up of the Town's 14 department managers, has worked to define organizational mission, implement the Selectmen's goals and objectives, and evaluate and improve the Town's programs and services. The SMT continues to maintain the organization's collaborative culture to keep municipal programs and services functioning effectively. The SMT was expanded to include Patrick Goddard, the Director of the new Department of Public Facilities. The SMT worked on the following projects:

- Tested an Emergency Dispensing Site drill utilizing the annual flu clinic;
- Reviewed the space utilization in the Town Office Building in preparation for the DPW Administration relocating to its new facility at 201 Bedford Street;

- Implemented the Reverse 911 emergency public notification system;
- Coordinated an archives and records management program as part of the Town's long-term records retention efforts and continued implementation of the Laserfiche electronic document imaging system.

Human Resources

The Town Manager's Office and Human Resource Department continued to spend considerable time during 2008 negotiating with the Town's ten collective bargaining units.

In December 2007, the Town and the Lexington Police Association (LPA) each made presentations to the Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC), the State agency with jurisdiction and authority to arbitrate public safety union contracts. A decision and contract award was made on March 3, 2008 for the contract period covering fiscal year 2005 through fiscal year 2007. The award provided for a 6.5 percent wage increase over the three-year contract period, which was slightly greater than the Town's offer to the Union.

The Town was able to reach bargaining agreements for fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2009 with all but three of the Town's collective bargaining units. Collective bargaining agreements have not been reached with the Lexington Police Association, Firefighters union and the Public Safety Dispatchers union. The Firefighters union has filed for contract arbitration with the JLMC. The Town and the union have participated in several mediation sessions to try to reach agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached during the mediation stage, an independent arbitrator will resolve the matter.

In the early months of 2009, the Town will begin negotiations with the Employee Health Insurance Coalition, the bargaining coalition that represents all Municipal and School unions on health insurance matters. The current agreement between the Town and the Employee Health Insurance Coalition expires on June 30, 2009.

Other accomplishments of the Human Resources Department include:

- Recruiting 36 employees to fill vacant positions;
- Coordinating training for employees on Department of Transportation CDL drug testing regulations, Harassment prevention and Effective Supervisory Management;
- Launching an Employee Wellness Team;
- Drafting and implementing several organization-wide administrative policies;
- Working with a consultant on a classification and compensation study for the Lexington Municipal Employee Association;
- Obtaining Criminal Offender History Information (CORI) certification for 63 position titles;

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- Contracting with a new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provided by Mount Auburn Hospital.

Public Facilities

In 2008, the Department of Public Facilities (DPF), responsible for the care and maintenance of all municipal and school facilities, began the process of integrating the School Facilities Department and Municipal Facilities Department (previously part of the DPW) into a single combined department. The DPF is under the jurisdiction of the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools and lead by a Director, Patrick Goddard. This Department will be located at 201 Bedford Street with the Department of Public Works. Other sections of this Annual Report contain more information of the first year of operations of the Department of Public Facilities.

Special Projects

Based on goals established by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager's Office undertook the following special projects in 2008:

- Implemented a new Town website;
- Reorganized the Social Services Department into a new Department of Human Services. In November, Charlotte Rodgers was appointed by the Town Manager as the Director of the Department of Human Services;
- Began the Civil Service process of selecting a new Police Chief in preparation for the March 2009 retirement of Chief Casey;
- On a trial basis, completed the FY09 budget process by mid-February, to allow the scheduling of an Override question, if necessary, by May;
- Established a plan for clearing snow from the Minuteman Bikeway;
- Implemented Community Preservation Act grant awards to the Historical Society (Hancock-Clarke House Restoration) and Lexington Housing Authority (Vynebrook Village Window Replacement);
- In cooperation with the Town Clerk, proposed the development of a Lexington Heritage Center for the re-use of the Stone Building (formerly the East Lexington Library). ■

Town Clerk/Archives/Board of Registrars

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$200,913....	\$194,671
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 14,851....	\$ 11,477
<i>Elections Total</i>	\$ 91,773....	\$112,251
<i>Registration Total</i>	\$ 16,526....	\$ 22,175
<i>Records Management</i>	\$ 56,350....	\$ 30,510

TOWN CLERK APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Donna Hooper since 1996. Office staff: Assistant Town Clerk Dianne Snell; Administrative Assistant Lisa Maguire; Archivist Nasrin Rohani, Municipal Clerks Carmelina Fiore and Karen Kruger.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS APPOINTED for a 3-year term by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Luanna Devenis (Republican, 2011), Gerald Abegg (Democrat, 2009; resigned October 2008), Sarah Warren (Democrat, 2010) and Town Clerk Donna Hooper (Unenrolled).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Staffing changes saw Karen Kruger joining the office in the spring and Lisa Maguire promoted to Administrative Assistant.
- The Annual Town Meeting was convened on March 19 in Cary Hall, Cary Memorial Building and covered 60 warrant articles in 11 sessions. The meeting was dissolved May 5th. A Special Town Meeting called for and dissolved on November 17 voted on 9 articles, for which the

primary article for rezoning of property at 95 Hayden Ave/124-128 Spring Street was indefinitely postponed.

- Registrars forwarded recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the Board's annual Election Officer appointments.
- Registrars conducted voter registration sessions prior to the February Presidential Primary, March Annual Town Election, September State Primary, and November State/Presidential Election. Gerald Abegg resigned his position as Registrar of Voters in the fall of 2008 after serving 4 years.
- Certified Initiative Petitions for ballot questions, including petitions to establish a sensible marijuana policy, end income taxes and protect greyhounds. Annual Town

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Persons in the photo are, left to right: Nasrin Rohani, Archivist Donna Hooper, Town Clerk Lisa Maguire, Administrative Assistant Karen Kruger, Clerk Carmelina Fiore, Clerk Dianne Snell, Assistant Town Clerk.

Photo: David S. Tabeing

Election candidate papers were certified for Town Meeting Member candidates and candidates seeking major office.

- Conducted four elections: February 5 Presidential Primary, March 3 Annual Town Election, September 16 State Primary and November 4 State/Presidential Election.
- Enhanced the Commonwealth's Central Voter Registry and voting procedures to provide further improvements in preparation for full implementation of the Help American Vote Act of 2002. State statutes were adopted to provide for partial ballot voting at the November 4, 2008 State Election.
- The Annual Town Census updated Lexington's population and verified voter registration rolls, with the Annual List of Residents subsequently published in June.
- Town Clerk's Office continued servicing the community as Agents for the US Department of State, accepting and processing over 460 applications for US Passports.
- The Town Clerk's Office oversaw appointment notifications; oaths of office, and the posting of over 900 public meetings conducted for appointed and elected boards and committee members.
- Town Meeting appropriated \$150,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for the conservation and preserva-

tion of Lexington's historic documents. This funding is anticipated to be the first of a 5-year request to provide for proper treatment and preservation of historic documents maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Engineering, and other municipal offices.

- Enhanced organization-wide electronic document management program, with collection and archiving of board and committee meeting minutes and limited posting of such minutes on the Town's web site with implementation of the Laserfiche document imaging system.
- Published Supplement #10 & 11 to the Code of Lexington, updating bylaw changes adopted at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting and regulations enacted or updated during 2008. ■

Statistics

Population: 28,850	Licenses:
Vital Statistics for 2007:	Dogs 2,084
Births 191	Raffles 12
Marriages 81	Business
Deaths 303	Certificates 204
	Flammables 15

Lexington 2020 Vision Committee

ROLE: To be stewards of the January 2001 Lexington 2020 Vision Status Report and monitor the implementation process. The Committee seeks to keep the goals current, identify community priorities, engage larger constituencies having responsibility for action items, and develop measures for tracking and reporting on progress.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the School Committee and the Planning Board, for 3-year terms: Fernando Quezada, Chuck Benson, George Burnell, Marian Cohen, Margaret Coppe, Peter Enrich, Mollie Garberg, Stacey Hamilton, Peter Lee, Ann Redmon, and Gregory Zurlo. The Committee meets approximately once a month and establishes subcommittees that meet as needed during the year.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Participated in a LexSelects program on the 2020 Vision process in January.
- Attended February meeting where Economic Development consultant presented findings and received public feedback. The videotape of the meeting is available OnDemand on the LexMedia website.
- Received the final report of the Economic Development Task Force, highlights of which were presented in the Spring 2008 Annual Town Meeting. The document is available on the Town's new website at <http://lexingtonma.gov/committees/2020vision.cfm>.



- Sponsored a Saturday morning Economic Development Forum in October. Following presentation of information by the Task Force and the Planning Board, attendees participated in small group discussions about the appropriate Floor Area Ratio for the Hartwell Avenue commercial zoning district. The forum was videotaped by LexMedia, and notes from the discussion groups are on the Town's website.
- Established a Demographic Change Task Force to explore changing demographics and examine implications for town and school services.
- Continued to address ways to improve public communication and encourage new citizens to become involved in local government. Review of community goals, as well as recruitment of new committee members representative of the diverse segments of our community, is ongoing. ■

2008 Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting was held November 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cary Memorial Building, Moderator Margery M. Battin presiding.

Moderator Battin honored the memory and contributions of six former town meeting members who recently passed away – Winifred Friedman, Robert Gary, H. Bigelow Moore, Mark Moore, Marian Reilly & Alan Wilson.

Moderator Battin announced that, after having served as Moderator for the past 22 years, she would not seek re-election as Moderator in the upcoming March 2009 Annual Town Election. Selectman Norman Cohen acknowledged the contributions of Mrs. Battin as Moderator and members expressed their appreciation with a standing ovation.

Art. 1: Reports of Committees

Reports relating to matters under consideration were presented at appropriate times.

Art. 2: Zoning bylaw, CRO and RO to CD

Indefinitely postponed *November 17*. 95 Hayden Ave and 124-128 Spring St.

Art. 3: Amend FY2009 Operating Budget

Adopted November 17.

Line Item	Program	From	To
1100	Lexington Public Schools	\$64,548,189	\$64,414,139
2400	Public Facilities	\$8,499,664	\$8,869,428
3100-3500	DPW Expenses	\$4,539,101	\$4,618,678
4100	Law Enforcement		
	Personal Services	\$4,697,662	\$4,721,662
4200	Fire/Medical Expenses	\$458,466	\$479,436
7200	Planning Expenses	\$9,859	\$49,859
8210-8220	Town Manager Expenses	\$142,250	\$199,750

And to meet this appropriation the additional funds will be raised in the tax levy.

Art. 4: Amend FY2009 Enterprise Budgets

Adopted November 17.

Water Division of the Department of Public Works during

fiscal year 2009 be changed from \$6,545,020 to \$6,487,028 by amending the following line item(s):

And that the total appropriation, as amended, shall be funded with \$463,050 of Water Enterprise Fund-retained earnings, with the remainder to be funded with water receipts.

(b) That the appropriation to operate the Wastewater Division of the Department of Public Works during fiscal year 2009 under the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53F1/2 be changed from \$7,148,801 to \$7,062,609 by amending the following line item(s):

And that the total appropriation, as amended, shall be funded with wastewater receipts.

Art. 5: Land Purchase – off Cedar St. and off Hartwell Ave. *Adopted November 17.*

Conservation Commission authorized to purchase and Selectmen authorized to take by eminent domain, for conservation purposes, including outdoor recreation, the sum of \$181,517 from the Community Preservation Fund balance.

Art. 6: Harrington Pre-School Playground

Adopted November 17.

That \$35,135, in addition to the \$75,000 appropriated by 2008 Annual Town Meeting, be appropriated to construct Harrington Pre-School Playground with \$35,135 appropriated from Fund Balance Available for Appropriation Reserve (Undesignated Budgeted Reserve) of the Community Preservation Fund.

Art. 7: Appropriate to Specified Stabilization Funds

Adopted November 17

1) \$216,750.11 for Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation Stabilization Fund with \$216,750.11 transferred from Lexpress Transportation Demand Management Special Revenue Account.

2) \$25,000 for Traffic Mitigation Stabilization Fund, transferred from the Traffic Mitigation Special Revenue Account.

Art. 8: Appropriate for Munroe School Study

Not adopted November 17. Would have spent \$35,000 to assess feasibility of adapting Munroe School as a senior center.

Art. 9: Appropriate for Prior Years' Unpaid Bills

Indefinitely postponed November 17. ■

State Election — Tuesday, November 4, 2008

The total number of registered voters in each precinct eligible to vote as of October 15, 2008 is as follows:

Precinct	Registered Voters	Democrat	Green-Rainbow	Republican	Working Families	Unenrolled	Other
1	2135	813	1	227	0	1090	4
2	2494	1071	8	229	1	1184	1
3	2481	985	2	283	2	1205	4
4	2424	1059	3	231	0	1124	7
5	2370	923	3	294	2	1147	1
6	2441	1011	0	326	0	1099	5
7	2456	980	3	255	0	1213	5
8	2309	884	5	267	0	1151	2
9	2288	820	2	254	0	1205	7
Totals	21398	8546	27	2366	5	10418	36

Recap sheets were delivered to the Town Clerk at the Town Office Building. 84% of the registered voters cast their vote. The Town Clerk canvassed the results:

Pct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Registered Voters	2135	2494	2481	2424	2370	2441	2456	2309	2288	21398
Total Votes	1736	2147	2067	2051	1984	2086	2058	1942	1891	17962
Partial State Ballots	1	2	7	1	1	3	1	4	3	23
Federal Ballots	3	2	0	6	3	6	2	4	0	26

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Moderator

ROLE: To preside over Town Meeting and appoint members of the Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee, the Cary Lecture Series as well as Lexington's representative on the Min-ute-man Regional School Committee.

ELECTED by the voters at large for a 1-year term: Margery Battin.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Worked with Town Meeting members, boards, and committees to improve the Town Meeting process. The quality of Lexington's citizen participation is unparalleled; the dedication of its staff unequaled. Patience and a sense of humor prevailed.



Margery Battin retires as Town Moderator after 22 years.

- Wrote a newspaper article explaining the process for submitting citizen warrant articles for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
- Held a pre-Town Meeting planning session with article sponsors, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, and Finance Committee Chairs to review timing and procedural matters, and anticipate scheduling difficulties, audio-visual requirements, probable amendments, and potential areas of disagreement.
- Held a 2-hour workshop for new Town Meeting members, Town Counsel, Appropriation, Capital Expenditures, Planning Board, and Town Meeting Members Association Chairs to answer questions, clarify financial and planning terms and concepts, and explain legal issues and parliamentary procedures.
- Sent written instructions to the sponsors of citizen articles to aid them in preparing for Town Meeting.
- Wrote a newspaper article explaining the protocol regarding citizen participation.
- Held a post-Town Meeting critique which identified measures for improving procedures and developing a process to help citizen warrant article sponsors prepare and present their proposals to Town Meeting. ■

ABSENTEE BALLOT BREAKDOWN

Precinct	Applications Processed			Ballots Counted		
	In-House	Mail	Total	Election Day	10 day out-of-country	Total Recv'd & Counted
1	70	191	261	236	7	243
2	136	187	323	306	4	310
3	131	200	331	318	2	320
4	123	180	303	282	8	290
5	128	179	307	291	11	302
6	121	180	301	287	10	297
7	103	157	260	243	7	250
8	69	153	222	202	6	208
9	73	153	226	207	1	208
Totals	954	1580	2534	2372	56	2428

Breakdown of Specially Qualified & Provisional Ballots Cast:

Pct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Provisional Ballots: Voted	1	5	8	1	5	2	2	1	1	26
Qualified/Counted	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	7
Specially Qualified Ballots Voted	21	22	14	11	25	19	12	12	8	144

ELECTION RESULTS

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
Total Reg Voters		2135	2494	2481	2424	2370	2441	2456	2309	2288 21398
Total Votes	1736	2147	2067	2051	1984	2086	2058	1942	1891	17962
Percent (Votes/Voters)	81%	86%	83%	85%	84%	85%	84%	84%	83%	84%
	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

Baldwin and Castle	2	3	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	11
Barr and Root	11	9	8	3	7	5	8	12	10	73
Mccain and Palin	506	457	477	468	533	583	514	489	566	4593
Mckinney and Clemente	2	5	5	2	4	2	1	6	2	29
Nader and Gonzalez	11	26	14	11	17	8	11	13	15	126
Obama and Biden	1190	1635	1545	1554	1400	1476	1504	1404	1276	12984
All Others	7	5	6	6	11	5	6	11	11	68
Blanks	7	7	11	6	12	6	11	7	11	78

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	1176	1611	1517	1484	1368	1437	1483	1400	1277	12753
Jeffrey K. Beatty	463	416	457	461	505	556	468	450	517	4293
Robert J. Underwood	41	46	37	37	35	34	39	30	48	347
All Others	2	0	1	1	3	1	3	2	1	14
Blanks	54	74	55	68	73	58	65	60	48	555

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	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Seventh District										
Edward J. Markey	1228	1639	1534	1510	1403	1464	1498	1398	1290	12964
John Cunningham	398	383	427	406	445	508	435	411	480	3893
All Others	3	2	0	5	2	1	2	2	2	19
Blanks	107	123	106	130	134	113	123	131	119	1086

COUNCILLOR - Sixth District (1,2,4-7)

Michael J. Callahan	1110	1412	1293	1235	1297	1296				7643
All Others	18	16	14	10	15	17				90
Blanks	608	719	744	739	774	745				4329

COUNCILLOR - Third District (3,8,9)

Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney		1291					1154	1109		3554
All Others		18					23	28		69
Blanks		758					765	754		2277

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Fourth Middlesex District (1,2,4-7)

Brion M. Cangiamila	424	386	411	463	520	460				2664
Kenneth J. Donnelly	1130	1499	1361	1227	1303	1348				7868
All Others	2	4	4	2	2	3				17
Blanks	180	258	275	292	261	247				1513

Total**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Third Middlesex District (3,8,9)**

Susan C. Fargo		1387					1249	1117		3753
Sandra B. Martinez		474					509	610		1593
All Others		2					2	3		7
Blanks		204					182	161		547

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Fifteenth Middlesex District (1,5-9)

Jay R. Kaufman	1224			1386	1523	1534	1417	1310		8394
All Others	17			11	21	23	18	27		117
Blanks	495			587	542	501	507	554		3186

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Ninth Middlesex District (2,3,4)

Thomas M. Stanley		1437	1353	1341						4131
Jill E. Stein		5								
All Others		20	14	10						44
Blanks		685	700	700						2085

REGISTER OF PROBATE - Middlesex County

Tara E. Decristofaro	1055	1354	1231	1224	1168	1251	1231	1143	1082	10739
All Others	18	16	11	10	8	15	17	12	22	129
Blanks	663	777	825	817	808	820	810	787	787	7094

QUESTION 1 — State Income Tax

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010. The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased person, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by person who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trust, and by person who receive income as

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shareholders of “S” corporations” as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
YES	472	420	487	423	506	499	479	440	545	4271
NO	1202	1676	1518	1556	1404	1526	1541	1437	1292	13152
BLANKS	62	51	62	72	74	61	38	65	54	539

QUESTION 2 — Non-criminalize Marijuana

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state’s criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty. Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender’s parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding. The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol (“THC”), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one’s body. Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent.

The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing law, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana. The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
YES	1097	1478	1390	1355	1317	1386	1342	1301	1202	11868
NO	582	618	609	624	602	654	670	585	631	5575
BLANKS	57	51	68	72	65	46	46	56	58	519

QUESTION 3 — Dog Racing

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs. The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing. Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission’s administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state’s General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meeting would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs. These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
YES	1083	1362	1298	1344	1241	1257	1298	1247	1187	11317
NO	580	701	664	605	652	759	681	623	632	5897
BLANKS	73	84	105	102	91	70	79	72	72	748

QUESTION 4 — This Question is Nonbinding.

Reduce Greenhouse Emissions

Shall the state representative from district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that: (1) reduces greenhouse gas emissions in Massachusetts by 80% by 2020; and (2) phases out tax incentives for energy-intensive projects, while expanding job creation programs for locally-owned businesses and cooperatives involved in renewable energy, conservation, and sustainable agriculture?

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
YES	1191	1588	1473	1509	1350	1470	1460	1390	1293	12724
NO	252	262	243	272	283	304	299	259	294	2468
BLANKS	293	297	351	270	351	312	299	293	304	2770

***Election results include tally of overseas ballots and provisional ballots deemed eligible to be cast at a duly posted meeting of the Board of Registrars on November 19, 2008.*

State Primary — Tuesday, September 16, 2008

The total number of registered voters in each precinct eligible to vote as of August 27, 2008 is as follows:

Registered Voters

Precinct	Registered Voters	Democrat	Green-Rainbow	Republican	Working Families	Unenrolled
Other						
1	2074	792	1	223	0	1054
2	2413	1039	8	227	1	1136
3	2301	905	2	273	2	1116
4	2362	1032	3	227	0	1093
5	2302	903	3	286	2	1107
6	2385	991	0	329	0	1059
7	2390	963	2	261	0	1158
8	2272	883	5	264	0	1118
9	2229	784	2	254	0	1182
Totals	20,728	8,292	26	2,344	5	10,023

Recap sheets were delivered to the Town Clerk at the Town Office Building. 20% of the registered voters cast their vote. The Town Clerk canvassed the results:

Votes By Precinct

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
Total Registered Voters	2074	2413	2301	2362	2302	2385	2390	2272	2229	20728
Democrat	405	550	378	486	439	482	496	384	305	3925
Republican	29	21	25	25	22	29	31	19	29	230
Green-Rainbow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working Families	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total Votes	434	573	405	511	461	511	527	403	334	4159
Percent (Total Votes/ Total Voters)	21%	24%	18%	22%	20%	21%	22%	18%	15%	20%

Absentee Ballots

Ballots Processed	47	30	60	44	35	42	31	23	32	344
Ballots Returned & Counted	34	19	39	27	23	31	20	18	14	225
Specially Qualified Processed	4	4	3	2	5	4	1	5	1	29
Specially Qualified Returned & Counted	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	11
Ballots Rejected/Late/ Not returned	15	13	23	18	16	13	11	9	19	137

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Total Registered Voters	2074	2413	2301	2362	2302	2385	2390	2272	2229	20728
Total Votes	405	550	378	486	439	482	496	384	305	3925
Percent (Votes/Voters)	20%	23%	16%	21%	19%	20%	21%	17%	14%	19%
Total Registered Democrats	792	1039	905	1032	903	991	963	883	784	8292
Percent (Total Votes/Total Party)	51%	53%	42%	47%	49%	49%	52%	43%	39%	47%

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	305	437	334	402	355	379	415	313	241	3181
Edward J. O'reilly	92	103	44	82	82	97	79	67	64	710
All Others	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Blanks	6	10	0	2	2	6	2	3	0	31

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	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – 7th District										
Edward J. Markey	333	456	327	409	372	391	423	319	264	3294
All Others	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	8
Blanks	69	92	51	76	67	91	73	64	40	623
COUNCILLOR – Sixth District (1,2,4-7)										
Michael J. Callahan	186	235		208	206	204	223			1262
Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli	73	89		79	71	66	82			460
All Others	1	1		0	1	1	3			7
Blanks	145	225		199	161	211	188			1129
COUNCILLOR – Third District (3,8,9)										
Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney			123					143	116	382
John J. Doyle			103					73	73	249
Thomas L. Walsh		14					12	18	44	
All Others			1					0	1	2
Blanks			137					156	97	390
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Fourth Middlesex District (1,2,4-7)										
Jim Marzilli	19	29		30	28	26	28			160
Kenneth J. Donnelly	244	339		302	276	281	311			1753
John W. Hurd	113	143		127	108	137	122			750
All Others	1	0		0	1	0	0			2
Blanks	28	39		27	26	38	35			193
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Third Middlesex District (3,8,9)										
Susan C. Fargo			298					290	245	833
All Others			2					1	1	4
Blanks			78					93	59	230
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Fifteenth Middlesex District (1,5-9)										
Jay R. Kaufman	323				382	392	443	330	258	2128
All Others	2				1	1	3	1	0	8
Blanks	80				56	89	50	53	47	375
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Ninth Middlesex District (2,3,4)										
Thomas M. Stanley		371	280	353						1004
All Others		4	0	2						6
Blanks		175	98	131						404
REGISTER OF PROBATE – Middlesex County										
								0		
John R. Buonomo	215	245	177	254	236	217	241	174	170	1929
Thomas Concannon	3	9	2	2		2	6	2	4	30
John Lambert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sean O'donovan	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
All Others	10	8	4	8	7	4	7	7	5	60
Blanks	177	287	195	222	195	259	242	201	124	1902

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	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY										
Total Registered Voters	2074	2413	2301	2362	2302	2385	2390	2272	2229	20728
Total Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percent (Total Votes/ Total Voters)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Registered Green-Rainbow	1	8	2	3	3	0	2	5	2	26
Percent (Total Votes/ Total Party)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
SENATOR IN CONGRESS										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – Seventh District										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COUNCILLOR – Sixth District (1,2,4-7)										
All Others	0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Blanks	0	0		0	0	0	0			0
COUNCILLOR – Third Middlesex District (3,8,9)										
All Others			0					0	0	0
Blanks			0					0	0	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Fourth Middlesex District (1,2,4-7)										
All Others	0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Blanks	0	0		0	0	0	0			0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Third Middlesex District (3,8,9)										
All Others			0							0
Blanks			0							0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Fifteenth Middlesex District (1,5-9)										
All Others	0				0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0				0	0	0	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Ninth Middlesex District (2,3,4)										
All Others		0	0	0						0
Blanks		0	0	0						0
REGISTER OF PROBATE – Middlesex County										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
REPUBLICAN PARTY										
Total Registered Voters	2074	2413	2301	2362	2302	2385	2390	2272	2229	20728
Total Votes	29	21	25	25	22	29	31	19	29	230
Percent (Total Votes/ Total Voters)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total Registered Republicans	223	227	273	227	286	329	261	264	254	2344
Percent (Total Votes/ Total Party)	13%	9%	9%	11%	8%	9%	12%	7%	11%	10%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Jeffrey K. Beatty	26	19	21	21	16	20	27	17	25	192
All Others	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	7
Blanks	2	2	4	4	3	7	3	2	4	31

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – Seventh District

John Cunningham	23	17	17	19	15	24	23	15	23	176
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Blanks	5	4	8	6	7	5	6	4	6	51

COUNCILLOR – Sixth Middlesex District (1,2,4-7)

All Others	3	0		0	1	0	6			10
Blanks	26	21		25	21	29	25			147

COUNCILLOR – Third Middlesex District (3,8,9)

All Others			4					1	0	5
Blanks			21					18	29	68

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Fourth Middlesex District (1,2,4-7)

Brion M. Cangiamila	7	3		6	2	4				22
All Others	1	0		2	2	2	2			9
Blanks	21	18		17	18	23	29			126

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Third Middlesex District (3,8,9)

Sandra B. Martinez			20					14	23	57
All Others			0					0	3	3
Blanks			5					5	3	13

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Fifteenth Middlesex District (1,5-9)

All Others	3				5	0	4	2	2	16
Blanks	26				17	29	27	17	27	143

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Ninth Middlesex District (2,3,4)

All Others		4	2	0						6
Blanks		17	23	25						65

REGISTER OF PROBATE – Middlesex County

John Lambert	4	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	11
All Others	3	0	3	0	0	0	4	2	1	13
Blanks	22	20	22	25	20	27	27	16	27	206

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	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY										
Total Registered Voters	2074	2413	2301	2362	2302	2385	2390	2272	2229	20728
Total Votes	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Percent (Votes/Total Voters)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Registered Working Family Pty	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Percent (Votes/Total Party)	0%	200%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	80%
SENATOR IN CONGRESS										
All Others	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS										
Seventh District										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
COUNCILLOR – Sixth District (1,2,4-7)										
All Others	0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Blanks	0	2		0	0	0	0			2
COUNCILLOR – Third District (3,8,9)										
All Others			0					0	0	0
Blanks			2					0	0	2
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Fourth Middlesex District (1,2,4-7)										
All Others	0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Blanks	0	2		0	0	0	0			2
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Third Middlesex District (3,8,9)										
All Others			0					0	0	0
Blanks			2					0	0	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Fifteenth Middlesex District (1,5-9)										
All Others	0				0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0				0	0	0	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – Ninth Middlesex District (2,3,4)										
All Others		1	1	0						2
Blanks		1	1	0						2
REGISTER OF PROBATE – Middlesex County										
Sean O'Donovan	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Elected Town Officials

	Term Expires
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (<i>five members to 3-year terms</i>)	
George A. Burnell	4 Eaton Rd. 2010 862-2023
Norman P. Cohen, Chair	33 Forest St #309 2011 862-3098
Peter C. J. Kelley	24 Forest St 2009 861-1546
Jeanne K. Krieger	44 Webster Rd 2010 862-7730
Hank Manz	14 Ellison Rd 2011 863-1733

MODERATOR (*1-year term*)

Margery M. Battin	15 Paul Revere Rd 2009 862-3639
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE (*five members to 3-year terms*)

Helen L. Cohen, Chair	32 Patterson Rd 2009 863-1279
Rodney Cole	80 School St 2011 863-2670
Margaret E. Coppe,	12 Barrymeade Dr 2010 Vice Chair 862-9905
Thomas R. Diaz	5303 Main Campus Dr . . . 2010 860-9549
Ravi K. Sakhuja	50 Turning Mill Rd 2009 861-6315

PLANNING BOARD (*five members to 3-year terms*)

Richard Canale	29 Shade St 2009 861-0287
Anthony G. Galaitsis	7 Burroughs Rd 2001 862-3669
Charles Hornig, Chair	75 Reed St 2011 862-1112
Wendy Manz	14 Ellison Rd 2010 863-1733
Gregory L. Zurlo	42 Woodcliffe Rd 2009 862-9250

LEXINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (*four elected members and one appointed member to 5-year terms*)

Leona W. Martin, Chair	19 Thoreau Rd 2012 862-3669
Leo P. McSweeney,	435 Lincoln St 2010 Asst. Treasurer 861-0612
Robert D. Peters,	43 Fifer Ln 2012 Commissioner 266-6698
Nicholas Santosuosso,	2 Washington St 2011 Treasurer 863-1040
Melinda M. Walker,	14 Larchmont Ln 2009 Vice Chair 863-2024

Town Election – Monday, March 3, 2008

ABSENTEE BALLOT BREAKDOWN

Pct	Ballots			
	Applications Processed	Returned	Late/ Undeliverable/ Rejected	Counted
1	33	13	7	6
2	27	13	0	13
3	64	40	1	39
4	39	21	1	20
5	30	17	1	16
6	32	22	0	22
7	28	17	0	17
8	13	10	0	10
9	21	7	1	6
Totals	287	160	11	149

Total of 20,466 registered voters eligible to vote as of February 12, 2008.

TOWNWIDE OFFICES	TOTAL VOTERS	Total Votes	Percent
PCT 1	2071	178	9%
PCT 2	2398	317	13%
PCT 3	2190	314	14%
PCT 4	2368	350	15%
PCT 5	2287	212	9%
PCT 6	2359	253	11%
PCT 7	2354	177	7%
PCT 8	2241	186	8%
PCT 9	2198	201	9%
TOTAL	20466	2188	11%

Of the 19,826 registered voters, 5,863 or 30% of those eligible cast their vote.

SELECTMEN (*two for 3 years*)

Norman P. Cohen	1627
Hank Manz	1517
Blank	1199
Write-In	33

MODERATOR (*one for 1 year*)

Margery M. Battin	1643
Blank	525
Write-In	20

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (*two for 3 years*)

Rodney Cole	1482
Blank	694
Write-In	12

PLANNING BOARD (*one for 3 years*)

Anthony G. Galaitsis	1380
Charles Hornig	1363
Blank	1608
Write-In	25

Town Meeting Members

PRECINCT 1 — Seven for Three Years; One for One Year

Nancy M. Adler**	114
Albert P. Zabin*	108
Mary Bowes*	98
John C. Bartenstein*	97
James E. Barry*	94
Colin R. Hamilton*	88

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John F. Rossi*	87
James M. Murphy**	86
Douglas R. Orr	76
Markus Pinney	1
Debora Hoard	1
Richard Horn	1
Blanks	573
<i>*elected for 3 year **elected for 1 years</i>	

**PRECINCT 2 — Seven For Three Years;
One For Two Years**

Christina J. Welch*	205
Jill E. Stein*	194
Barry Orenstein*	185
Joseph N. Pato*	167
Paul H. Lapointe*	164
Colleen Bellock Smith*	159
Adam D. Sacks*	154
Kathryn Mayes Fields**	138
Robert W. Cunha	135
Lauren M. Mcsweeney	128
Kevin Foley	2
William Sweeney	1
John Mcaleer	1
Blanks	903
<i>*elected for 3 year **elected for 2 years</i>	

**PRECINCT 3 — Seven for Three Years;
One for One Year**

Dan H. Fenn, Jr.*	196
Bonnie E. Brodner*	187
Robert V. Whitman*	169
Arthur Katz*	167
Steven P. Heinrich*	162
Michelle Goddard*	150
Patrick R. Mehr*	135
Robert N. Cohen**	125
Nicholas A. Cannalonga	118
Steven N. Aaron	94
Blanks	1009
<i>*elected for 3 year **elected for 1 years</i>	

PRECINCT 4 — Seven for Three Years

Tanya T. Morrisett*	211
Ruth S. Thomas*	205
Alessandro A. Alessandrini*	189
Vincent J. Pisegna*	184
Lisa A. Baci*	176
Beverly Kelley*	162
John L. Davies*	154
John M. Patrick	145

Nicholas Santosuosso	109
Michael L. Gruber	73
Geraldine Klein	18
Stephen Klein	17
Lisa Boehm	1
Blanks	806
<i>*elected for 3 year</i>	

**Precinct 5 — Seven for Three Years; One
for One Year**

David G. Williams*	122
Marjorie M. Daggett*	120
Ephraim Weiss*	113
Paul F. Barnes*	108
Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti*	106
Anthony G. Galaitis*	105
Loretta A. Porter	103
John Hayward**	92
Joseph G. Lahiff	86
David E. Burns	81
Blanks	660
<i>*elected for 3 year **elected for 1 years</i>	

PRECINCT 6 — Seven for Three Years

Ann S. Redmon*	170
David L. Kaufman*	159
Jonathan A. Himmel*	151
Gerald A. Lacey*	144
Frank Sandy*	139
Morton G. Kahan*	135
Osman Babson*	122
John R. Holt	86
Chet Webster	2
Paul Chernick	1
Ann Webster	1
William Simmons	1
Richard Jette	1
Peter Cohen	1
Theresa Cohen	1
Blanks	657
<i>**elected for 3 years</i>	

**PRECINCT 7 — Seven for Three Years;
One for Two Years**

Martha C. Wood*	140
Deborah J. Brown*	131
Thomas V. Griffiths*	128
James W. Courtemanche*	125
Pam Hoffman*	122
David G. Kanter*	115
Ravi K. Sakhuja**	100
Robert D. Peters*	12
Donald Benson	4
Mary Burnell	3
David Needham	1
Mike Barg	1
Blanks	423
<i>*elected for 3 year **elected for 2 years</i>	

PRECINCT 8 — Seven for Three Years

Margaret Bradley*	134
Stewart G. Kennedy*	133
Richard A. Michelson*	128
Charles Hornig*	122
Roger F. Borghesani*	121
Charles L. Moore, Jr.*	113
James A. Osten*	108
Thomas W. Alspaugh	57
Peter Tropeano	1
Blanks	385
<i>**elected for 3 years</i>	

**PRECINCT 9 — Seven for Three Years;
One for One Year**

Leo P. Mcsweeney*	144
Wendy Manz*	129
Alice J. Adler*	120
Janice A. Kennedy*	119
Lisah S. Rhodes*	108
Justine A. Wirtanen*	94
Damon M. Wirtanen*	87
Shireen Ahmed**	85
Dawn Mcdonough	83
Daniel L. Mcdonough	77
Michael Schroeder	4
Dorris Traficante	2
Lawrence J. Link	2
Susan Kaftan	1
Jamie Rauscher	1
Blanks	552
<i>*elected for 1 year **elected for 3 years</i>	

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Ninth Middlesex District (PR. 2,3,4)

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Michael J. Callahan (D)
term 2008-2010
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Marilyn Petitto Devaney (D)
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Town Meeting Members

AT-LARGE

Margery M. Battin 15 Paul Revere Rd
George A. Burnell 4 Eaton Rd
Norman P. Cohen 33 Forest St
Donna M. Hooper 14 Lois Ln
Jay R. Kaufman 1 Childs Rd
Peter C. J. Kelley 24 Forest St
Jeanne K. Krieger 44 Webster Rd
Hank Manz 14 Ellison Rd

PRECINCT 1

2009 Expiration

Joel A. Adler 22 Village Cir
Jean W. Cole 23 Whipple Rd
Scott W. Maloney 251 Massachusetts Ave
James M. Murphy 96 Bow St
Joseph S. Rancatore 21 Wheeler Rd
Mary Ann Stewart 24 Rawson Ave
Judith L. Zabin 1 Page Rd

2010

John P. Breen 8 Crescent Hill Ave
Jonathan G. Cole 23 Whipple Rd
Iang Jeon 7 Litchfield Rd
Eric Jay Michelson 45 Circle Rd
Barry E. Sampson 8 Brandon St
Carol J. Sampson 8 Brandon St
Joel Steven Slotkin 7 Locke Ln

2011

Nancy M. Adler 22 Village Cir
James E. Barry 10 Crescent Hill Ave
John C. Bartenstein 46 Sanderson Rd
Mary Bowes 32 Arcola St
Colin R. Hamilton 28 Theresa Ave
John F. Rossi 40 Arcola St
Albert P. Zabin 1 Page Rd

PRECINCT 2

2009 Expiration

Marian A. O. Cohen 8 Plymouth Rd
Robert W. Cunha* 10 Stevens Rd
Kenneth M. Kreutziger 14 Tower Rd
Steven A. Kropper 48 Pleasant St
Douglas M. Lucente 8 Great Rock Rd
Lauren M. McSweeney** 17 Sutherland Rd
Michael J. O'Sullivan 12 Aerial St
James S. Wilson 43 Locust Ave

* Assumed office upon resignation of Andrew McAleer

** Assumed office upon resignation of Donald Wilson

2010

Kathryn Mayes Fields 9 Lexington Ave
Rita B. Goldberg 10 Independence Ave
Nancy E. Nolan 200 Follen Rd
Toby Sackton 8 White Pine Ln
Jennifer M. Vogelzang 8 Paddock Ln
Betsey Weiss 8 Dover Ln

2011

Paul H. Lapointe 224 Follen Rd
Barry Orenstein 132 Follen Rd
Joseph N. Pato 900 Massachusetts Ave
Adam D. Sacks 12 Locust Ave
Colleen Bellock Smith 193 Follen Rd
Jill E. Stein 17 Trotting Horse Dr
Christina J. Welch 41 Locust Ave

PRECINCT 3

2009 Expiration

Darwin P. Adams 8 Field Rd
Samuel Berman 11 Barberry Rd
Nancy A. Bryant 56A Blossomcrest Rd
Robert N. Cohen 10 Grassland St
Richard L. Neumeier 2 Pitcairn Pl
Robert Rotberg 14 Barberry Rd
Reid E. Zurlo 42 Woodcliffe Rd

2010

Nancy M. Cannalonga 942 Waltham St
Benjamin J. Cohen 87 Bridge St
Thomas R. Diaz 5303 Main Campus Dr
Sherry L. Gordon* 7 Stedman Rd #408
Peter B. Lee 770 Waltham St
Glenn P. Parker 186 Spring St
Loren Wood 14 Benjamin Rd

*Resigned December 2008

2011

Bonnie E. Brodner 8 Trodden Path
Dan H. Fenn, Jr. 59 Potter Pond
Michelle Goddard 38 Munroe Rd
Steven P. Heinrich 11 Potter Pond
Arthur Katz 18 Barberry Rd
Patrick R. Mehr 31 Woodcliffe Rd
Robert V. Whitman 1010 Waltham St

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PRECINCT 4

2009 Expiration

Gloria J. Bloom 17 Loring Rd
 Peter David Enrich 35 Clarke St
 Jill I. Hai 6 Highland Ave
 David J. Harris 5A Eliot Rd
 Ellen Jo McDonald 50 Bridge St
 Gerald Paul 43 Highland Ave
 Barrie Peltz 8 Jackson Ct

2010

Nyles Nathan Barnert 142 Worthen Rd
 Scott F. Burson 58 Sherburne Rd S
 Margaret B. Heitz 335 Marrett Rd
 John J. Krawczyk 78 Outlook Dr
 Charles W. Lamb 55 Baskin Rd
 John S. Rosenberg 64 Bloomfield St
 Sandra J. Shaw 51 Wachusett Dr

2011

Alessandro A. Alessandrini 32 Slocum Rd
 Lisa A. Baci 18 Fair Oaks Ter
 John L. Davies 18 Prospect Hill Rd
 Beverly Kelley 24 Forest St
 Tanya T. Morrisett 21 Valleyfield St
 Vincent J. Pisegna 56 Sherburne Rd South
 Ruth S. Thomas 10 Parker St

PRECINCT 5

2009 Expiration

Elaine Dratch 2 Maureen Rd
 Ana H. Flaster 4 Fairfield Dr
 Olga P. Guttag 273 Emerson Rd
 John Hayward 358 Woburn St
 Ann M. Kelly 6 Brookwood Rd
 *Joseph G. Lahiff 318 Lowell St
 James R. Lowry 21 Rumford Rd
 Sam Silverman 18 Ingleside Rd

**Assumed office upon removal of Carol Liff*

2010

Irene M. Dondley 22 Leonard Rd
 Marilyn M. Fenollosa 10 Marshall Rd
 Andrew J. Friedlich 22 Young St
 Gloria V. Holland 1475 Massachusetts Ave
 Jerold S. Michelson 3 Clyde Pl
 M. Masha Traber 106 Maple St

2011

Paul F. Barnes 500 Lowell St
 Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti 344 Lowell St
 Marjorie M. Daggett 9 Burroughs Rd

Anthony G. Galaitsis 7 Burroughs Rd
 Loretta A. Porter 24 Fletcher Ave
 Ephraim Weiss 462 Lowell St
 David G. Williams 1433 Massachusetts Ave

PRECINCT 6

2009 Expiration

Bebe H. Fallick 4 Diehl Rd
 Edmund C. Grant 27 Grove St
 Ann Forbes Kane 24 Adams St
 Jane Pagett 10 Oakmount Cir
 Edith Sandy 353 N Emerson Rd
 Sheldon A. Spector 26 Suzanne Rd
 Sheila M. Watson 12 Oakland St

2010

Florence A. Baturin 11 Alcott Rd
 Brian P. Kelley 44 Grant St
 Trisha P. Kennealy 4 Brent Rd
 Alan J. Lazarus 22 Woodland Rd
 Dawn E. McKenna 9 Hancock St
 Richard Pagett 10 Oakmount Cir
 Deborah Strod 10 Thoreau Rd

2011

Osman Babson 21 Redcoat Ln
 Jonathan A. Himmel 66 Hancock St
 Morton G. Kahan 44 Hancock St
 David L. Kaufman 152 Burlington St
 Gerald A. Lacey 18 Meriam St
 Ann S. Redmon 31 Woodland Rd
 Frank Sandy 353 N Emerson Rd
 Precinct 7

2009 Expiration

Marsha E. Baker 46 Burlington St
 Donald O. Benson 58 Dexter Rd
 Keith Hoffman 4 Wright St
 Sheryl R. Mahoney 65 Blake Rd
 Fred H. Martin 29 Dewey Rd
 James C. Wood, Jr. 51 Gleason Rd
 Alan A. Wrigley 205 Grove St

2010

Patricia Elen Costello 9 Preston Rd
 Margaret L. Counts-Klebe 94 Winter St
 Catherine Woodward Gill 43 Bertwell Rd
 Joyce A. Miller 23 Fifer Ln
 Elizabeth B. Perry-Wood 67 Gleason Rd
 Ravi K. Sakhuja 50 Turning Mill Rd
 Jane A. Trudeau 7 Volunteer Way

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Town Meeting Members *continued from previous page*

2011	
Deborah J. Brown	47 Robinson Rd
James W. Courtemanche	88 Winter St
Thomas V. Griffiths	7 Volunteer Way
Pam Hoffman	4 Rangeway
David G. Kanter	48 Fifer Ln
Robert D. Peters	43 Fifer Ln
Martha C. Wood	51 Gleason Rd
PRECINCT 8	
2009 Expiration	
Richard H. Battin	15 Paul Revere Rd
Larry N. Belvin	10 Denver St
William Herring	20 Ward St
Ingrid H. Klimoff	75 Reed St
Jessie Steigerwald	143 Cedar St
Shirley H. Stolz	2139 Massachusetts Ave
Carolyn H. Tiffany	109 Reed St
2010	
Nancy Bartlett	59 Ledge lawn Ave
Elizabeth J. Bryant	18 Liberty Ave
John T. Cunha	11 Homestead St
David C. Horton	68 Paul Revere Rd
Alan Mayer Levine	54 Reed St
Alan V. Seferian	10 Augustus Rd
Melinda M. Walker	14 Larchmont Ln
2011	
Roger F. Borghesani	24 Hastings Rd
Margaret Bradley	48 Bellflower St
Charles Hornig	75 Reed St
Stewart G. Kennedy	38 Liberty Ave
Richard A. Michelson	54 Asbury St
Charles L. Moore, Jr.	87 Cedar St
James A. Osten	8 Revere St
PRECINCT 9	
2009 Expiration	
Shireen Ahmed	393 Lincoln St
Narain D. Bhatia	8 Nickerson Rd
Richard L. Canale	29 Shade St
Helen L. Cohen	32 Patterson Rd
Mollie K. Garberg	16 Cary Ave
William P. Kennedy	135 Wood St
Janet M. Perry	16 Ellison Rd
2010	
Victoria Lawren Blier	41 Shade St
Rodney Cole	80 School St
Margaret E. Coppe	12 Barrymeade Dr
Thomas O. Fenn	15 Shade St
Laura J. Hussong	74 School St
Jesse F. Segovia	7 Pheasant Ln
Francine Stieglitz	3 Amherst St
2011	
Alice J. Adler	10 Nickerson Rd
Janice A. Kennedy	135 Wood St
Wendy Manz	14 Ellison Rd
Leo P. McSweeney	435 Lincoln St
Lisah S. Rhodes	482 Marrett Rd
Justine A. Wirtanen	24 Tufts Rd
Damon M. Wirtanen	24 Tufts Rd

Town Meeting Members Association (TMMA)

ROLE: To inform Town Meeting Members in advance on all Warrant articles, meeting procedures, and matters of town governance; to act as an interface between Town Meeting and the municipal government, the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and other Town committees; to represent the members of Town Meeting when the Meeting is not in session; and to improve Town Meeting procedures and processes.

MEMBERSHIP: All Town Meeting Members are automatically members of the Association. The Annual

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Seated L-R: David Kaufman, Marsha Baker, Edith Sandy, Andy Friedlich; Standing L-R: Barry Orenstein, Dave Horton, Ann Kane, Gloria Bloom, Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti, Mary Bowes, Joe Pato, Frank Sandy, Francine Stieglitz, Glenn Parker.

Photo: David S. Tabeling

Meeting of the Association is held immediately prior to the first information meeting following the Town election. Immediately before the annual meeting, precincts meet individually and elect their Precinct Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk officers. At the annual meeting of the Association, the members elect TMMA officers, who are limited to terms of no more than two consecutive years, except for the Communications Officer. The precinct officers, together with the TMMA officers, make up the TMMA Executive Committee, and serve for one year. The Executive Committee usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month, except when Town Meeting is in session and in July and August. The monthly meetings are open to all.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reviewed and discussed:
 - Financial summit meetings on the 2009 budget
 - Budget projections for FY10
 - Requests coming to the Community Preservation Committee for Community Preservation Act funds
- Modified TMMA procedures to accommodate an earlier schedule for Town Meeting.
- Published TMMA Warrant Information Reports on all articles coming before the Annual Town Meeting and the Fall Special Town Meeting so that Town Meeting members could better understand the issues.
- Sponsored four Warrant Information sessions before the Annual Town Meeting to familiarize members with the Warrant and to give sponsors feedback on likely questions and additional information needed concerning their articles. No Warrant Information session was held before

the Fall Special Town Meeting, as the major article on the Warrant would be indefinitely postponed.

- Held the TMMA bus tour to view sites affected by Warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting.
- Sponsored an information session on residential property assessment in Lexington.
- Sponsored a site visit to Ledgemont Properties, a site originally under consideration for rezoning by the Fall Special Town Meeting, in view of the expectation that the article, although postponed for the Fall Town Meeting, would be presented to the next Annual Town Meeting.
- Collaborated with the Lexington League of Women Voters to update and publish a new edition of “Town Meeting in Lexington”, a pamphlet that describes the history and processes of Town Meeting.
- Maintained an email listserver (with message archives accessible to the public at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lex-tmma/>) which provides a medium for informal discussions among TMMA members about Town matters.
- Conducted a survey of Town Meeting Members concerning the most effective use of the email listserver.
- Appointed the Moderator of the email listserver as an associate member of the TMMA Executive Committee.
- Provided timely information on the TMMA website, including Executive Committee minutes, various committee reports and access to TMMA email archives (<http://lexingtontmma.org>).
- Recognized the contributions of four Town Meeting Members who have served in Town Meeting for 30 years. ■

2008–2009 Executive Committee

Officers	Chair:	Edith Sandy
	Vice-Chair:	Darwin Adams
	Treasurer:	Marsha Baker
	Clerk:	Jim Osten
	Communications:	David L. Kaufman
	ListServe Moderator:	Vicki Blier

Prct.	Chair	Clerk	Associate
1	Nancy Adler	Colin Hamilton	Mary Bowes
2	Toby Sackton	Joe Pato	Barry Orenstein
3	Darwin Adams	Bonnie Brodner	Glenn Parker
4	Gloria Bloom	John Krawczyk	Jill Hai
5	Jerold Michelson	Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti	Andy Friedlich
6	Frank Sandy	Ann Kane	Alan Lazarus
7	Robert Peters	Keith Hoffman	Sheryl Mahoney
8	David Horton	Jessica Steigerwald	Nancy Bartlett
9	Francine Stieglitz	Laura Hussong	Damon Wirtanen

Town Meeting

Abridged from the complete text on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The first session of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Margery M. Battin at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2008, Cary Memorial Hall.

The Lexington Minutemen, accompanied by the William Diamond Fife and Drum Corps, posted the colors; invocation by Rabbi Howard Jaffe, Temple Isaiah. The Moderator honored town meeting members who passed away during the past year.

The remaining sessions were held on March 24, 26 and 31; April 7, 9, 14, 16, 28 and 30; the final and 11th on May 5. Also, School Superintendent Paul Ash presented the Sharyn Wong-Chan & Harrington Diversity Awards to Holly Stumpf, Harrington School music teacher;

30-year Town Meeting Members James Barry (Pr 1), Nancy Adler (Pr. 1) Sandra Shaw (Pr.4) and Sam Silverman (Pr.5) were recognized by the Town Meeting Members Association; Selectman George Burnell recognized those serving in Iraq and flags flown in Bagdad accepted on behalf of the town.

Article Action Summary

Art 1. Town Elections (see page 20)

Art. 2. Reports of Boards, Officers, Committees

Reports relating to articles under consideration and other Town matters were presented at appropriate times.

Art. 3: Appointments to Cary Lecture Series

Adopted March 19. Moderator to appoint a committee of three to run lectures under the wills of Eliza Cary Farnham and Suzanna E. Cary.

Art. 4: Appropriate FY 2009 Operating Budget

Adopted March 24. Monies for all departments to be raised from tax levy except as noted.

FY 2009 Budget

Program 1000: Education

1100 Lexington Public Schools

Salaries and Expenses \$59,295,239

Out-of-District Tuition (Special Education) \$5,483,847

1200 Regional School \$ 1,510,598

Program 2000: Shared Expenses

2100 Benefits

2110 Contributory Retirement \$3,446,236

2120 Non-contributory Retirement \$42,000

2130 Insurance \$22,140,749

2140 Unemployment \$100,000

2150 Workers Compensation*

(M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 13 A & C) \$306,625

2160 Property & Liability Insurance \$619,240

2170 Uninsured Losses* \$138,402

(M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 13)

2200 Debt Service

2210 Payment on Funded Debt \$3,110,000

2220 Interest on Funded Debt \$663,723

2230 Temporary Borrowing \$243,818

2300 Reserve Fund \$550,000

2400 Public Facilities \$8,499,664

Program 3000: Community Services

3100-3500 DPW Personnel \$3,169,037

3100-3500 DPW Expenses \$4,539,101

Program 4000: Public Safety

4100 Law Enforcement Personnel \$4,697,662

4100 Law Enforcement Expenses \$491,676

4200 Fire/Medical Personnel \$4,268,656

4200 Fire/Medical Expenses \$458,466

Program 5000: Culture & Recreation

5100 Library Personnel \$1,608,985

5100 Library Expenses \$249,700

Program 6000: Social Services

6100-6200 Social Services Personnel \$444,653

6100-6200 Social Services Expenses \$211,088

Program 7000: Community Development

7100 Community Development Personnel \$868,255

7100 Community Development Expenses \$100,797

7200 Planning Personnel \$214,942

7200 Planning Expenses \$9,859

7300 Economic Development Personnel \$92,212

7300 Economic Development Expenses \$14,166

Program 8000: General Government

8100 Board of Selectmen

8110 Board of Selectmen Personnel \$78,048

8110 Board of Selectmen Expenses \$73,870

8120 Legal Services \$350,000

8130 Town Report \$7,000

8200 Town Manager

8210-8220 Town Manager Personnel \$511,131

8210-8220 Town Manager Expenses \$142,250

8230 Salary Transfer Account* \$571,623

and further that Line 8230 is to be transferred by the Board of Selectmen for contractual settlements within departments upon recommendation of the Town Manager

8300 Town Committees

8310 Finance Committees \$1,500

8320 Misc. Boards and Committees \$4,700

8330 Public Celebration Committee \$29,500

8400 Finance Personnel \$1,055,828

8400 Finance Expenses \$282,490

8500 Town Clerk Personnel \$290,031

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8500 Town Clerk Expenses	\$106,114
8600 MIS Personnel	\$198,090
8600 MIS Expenses	\$337,933

and that the Town transfer the following sums to meet, in part, appropriations made at this Town Meeting:

\$65,000 from the School Bus Transportation Stabilization Fund for line-item 1100; #

\$325,000 from the Parking Meter Fund for line-items 3100-3500 and 4100;

\$120,000 from the Cemetery Trust Fund for line item 3100-3500;

\$61,000 from Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation Stabilization Revolving Fund for Appropriations for line-items 3100-3500;

\$2,618,766 from Unreserved Fund Balance/Free Cash;

\$820,952 from the Water Enterprise Fund;

\$714,536 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund; and

\$175,399 from the Recreation Enterprise Fund.

\$138,402 from Insurance Proceeds greater than \$20,000 for line-item 2170

Items marked with an (*) are Continuing Balance Accounts.

Amend FY 2009 Operating Budget

Adopted May 5. The following budget line items for fiscal 2009 amended as follows:

Line Item	Description	From	To
2150	Workmens' Comp.	\$619,240	\$608,240
2300	Reserve Fund	\$550,000	\$5323,500
3100	DPW Payroll	\$3,169,037	\$4,533,10
7300	Economic Dev. Payroll	\$119,102	\$92,212
7300	Economic Dev. Expenses	\$112,905	\$14,166

Amendment: That the following resolution be adopted:

That the Lexington Town Meeting: Expresses great concern about the rate of growth of health benefits and urges all parties to explore solutions.

Art. 5: Appropriate FY2009 Enterprise Fund Budgets

Adopted March 26. Water Division; Department of Public Works

Salaries	\$606,952
Expenses	\$463,845
Debt Service (non-exempt)	\$850,350
MWRA Assessment	\$4,623,873
Total	\$6,545,020

Funded from water receipts.

Wastewater (Sewer) Division; Department of Public Works

Salaries	\$251,864
Expenses	\$385,565
Debt Service (non-exempt)	\$569,971
MWRA Assessment	\$5,941,401
Total	\$7,148,801

Funded from wastewater receipts.

Recreation Department

Salaries	\$611,794
Expenses	\$958,089
Debt Service (non-exempt)\$	\$106,200
Total	\$1,676,083

Funded from recreation receipts and \$450,000 from retained earnings.

Art. 6: Appropriate for Senior Service Program

Adopted March 26. Assistance for low income seniors.
\$45,000

Art. 7: Appropriate for Street Trees

Adopted March 31. Planting trees to replace those removed.

From Tax Levy. \$24,000

Art. 8: Approve Departmental Revolving Funds

Adopted March 31. (See table on page 29)

Art. 9: Appropriate for FY2009 Community Preservation Projects

Adopted April 7.

Reserve for appropriation from estimated FY 09 receipts:

a) acquire open space	\$430,564
b) acquire and preserve historic resources	\$1,361,900
c) create, preserve community housing	\$638,293
d) to the Fund Balance	\$1,874,884

Appropriate from Community Preservation Fund and other sources:

a) Survey Affordable Housing Programs	\$25,000
b) Restore Belfry Hill trees	\$ 9,850
c) Restore Hancock-Clarke House	\$600,000
d) Old Reservoir Management	\$60,000
e) Replace Vynebrook Village windows	\$158,686
f) Archive Records Management	\$150,000
g) Parker Manor condo purchases	\$652,800

Indefinitely postponed April 7.

h) Senior Center Project design

Adopted April 7,

i) Harrington Preschool playground	\$75,000
j) Renovations; old Harrington School	\$400,000

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Adopted April 14.

k) Town Office Building envelope	\$95,000
l) East Lexington Fire Station	\$47,500
m) Town Offices, accessible bathrooms	\$70,000
n) Design study, Town Offices	\$80,000
r) Administrative expenses	\$50,000

Indefinitely postponed April 14.

- o) Stone Building Renovation
- p) Proposed Land Acquisitions

Adopted May 5.

- q) Replace Munroe Fire Prevention System \$579,550

Art 10: Land Purchase – off Marrett Rd.
Indefinitely postponed April 30.

Art. 11: Land Purchase – off Hartwell Ave.
Indefinitely postponed April 30

Art. 12: Land Purchase – off Lowell St.
Indefinitely postponed April 30.

Art. 13: Land Purchase– off Cedar St. and off Hartwell Ave.
Indefinitely postponed April 30.

Art. 14: Appropriate for Recreation Projects
Adopted April 14.

- a) Center Complex Restroom Renovation from unre-served fund balance - \$77,000
- b) Improve Bridge School Athletic fields - borrowed \$100,000

Art. 15: Appropriate for Capital Projects/Equipment
Adopted April 14. a-c and e-n

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Revolving Fund	Authorized Representative or Board to Spend	Departmental Receipts	Use of Fund	FY2009 Authorization
DPW Burial Containers	Public Works Director	Sale of Grave Boxes and Burial Vaults	Program Expenses	\$35,000
DPW Compost Operation	Public Works Director	Sale of Compost and Loam, Yard Waste Permits	Personnel, Benefits and Program Expenses	\$254,000
LexMedia Operations	Board of Selectmen and Town Manager	License fees from cable TV providers	CATV contract, equipment and related expenses	\$400,000
Trees	Board of Selectmen	Gifts and Fees	Program Expenses	\$20,000
Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste Program	Public Works Director	Fees paid by consortium towns	Program Expenses	\$175,000
Health Programs	Health Director	Medicare Reimbursements	Program Expenses	\$7,000
Council on Aging Programs	Social Services Director	Program fees and gifts	Program Expenses	\$100,000
School Bus Transportation	School Committee	School bus fees	Bus Transportation Expenses	\$830,000
Public Facilities Revolving Fund	Director of Public Facilities	Building rental fees	Personnel and Expenses Related to the Rental of Facilities	\$191,000
Tourism/ Liberty Ride	Town Manager and Tourism Committee	Liberty Ride receipts, including ticket sales, advertising revenue and charter sales	Liberty Ride personal services and expenses including charter expenses and tourism committee initiatives	\$125,630

Not Adopted, d.

- a) Woburn Street Reconstruction - borrow \$700,000
- b) DPW Equipment Replacement - \$510,000 with \$3,834 transferred from unexpended balance appropriated in the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, \$13,344 transferred from unexpended balance appropriated by the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, borrow \$492,822
- c) Sidewalk Improvements - \$275,000
- d) CBD Sidewalks - \$370,000 in Central Business
- e) Geographic Information System (GIS) - \$184,350 with \$33,183 transferred from Water Retained Earnings, \$22,122 transferred from Sewer Retained, borrow \$129,045
- f) Storm Drain Improvements - \$160,000 with \$11,481 be transferred from unexpended balance appropriated by the 2005 Annual Town Meeting and borrow \$148,519
- g) Hydrant Replacement Program - \$50,000 with \$25,000 transferred from Water Retained Earnings, \$25,000 raised from general fund unreserved fund balance
- h) Street Improvements- \$525,000 raised in the tax levy
- i) Traffic Mitigation - \$50,000 for engineering services from general fund unreserved fund balance
- j) Replacement of Rescue 2 - \$200,000 new ambulance with \$4,738 transferred from unexpended balance appropriated by the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, borrow \$195,262
- k) Police/Fire Mobile Computerization – borrow \$156,000
- l) Permit Tracking Software – borrow \$100,000
- m) Town/School Phone Needs Assessment - \$30,000 from the general fund unreserved fund balance
- n) Head End Equipment Replacement - \$60,000 from the general fund unreserved fund balance

Art. 16: Appropriate for Water System Improvements
Adopted April 28. Borrow \$1,800,000

Art. 17: Appropriate for Sewer Improvements
Adopted April 28.

- a) Rehabilitate certain sewer lines; borrow 1,200,000
- b) Upgrade pumping station; borrow 100,000

Art. 18: Appropriate for School Projects
Adopted April 28.

- a) School Technology - \$600,000; with \$135,000 transferred from unexpended balance appropriated at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, and \$465,000 borrowed.
- b) PreK-12 Master Plan - \$155,000 from the general fund unreserved fund balance.

- c) Food Service Equipment - \$55,000 from general fund unreserved fund balance.
- d) Classroom Furniture - \$25,000 from general fund unreserved fund balance.

Art. 19: Appropriate for Public Capital Projects

Adopted April 28:

- a) Rebuild/repair certain schools - \$1,920,000, with \$270,720 transferred from unexpended balance appropriated at 2005 Annual Town Meeting, \$80,000 from general fund unreserved fund balance and \$1,569,280 borrowed.
- b) Parent Pick Up/Parking; \$65,000 to study traffic patterns at Bridge School, from general fund unreserved fund balance.
- c) Replace Estabrook School Oil Tank – \$50,000 from general fund unreserved fund balance.
- d) Building Envelope - \$153,750 for extraordinary repairs to municipal buildings, from the tax levy.
- e) Fire Headquarters Renovation Study - \$40,000, from general fund unreserved fund balance.
- f) Adopted May 5. \$65,000 extraordinary repairs, Diamond/Clarke schools.

Indefinitely postponed April 28:

Senior Center Design, Renovation and Expansion.

Art. 20: Appropriate for Affordable Housing
Adopted March 26. Transfer to LexHAB, funds received from Brookhaven \$50,000

Art. 21 : Appropriate for Laconia St. Repair (Citizens' Petition)
Adopted March 26. Adjustment for repairs made. \$3,650

Art. 22: Appropriate for Post Employment Benefits
Adopted March 26. From Unreserved Fund Balance \$400,000

Art. 23: Rescind Prior Borrowing Authorizations
Adopted March 31. Rescinded unissued portions of debt authorizations voted under Article 30B, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and Article 32C, 2005 Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 24: Stabilization Funds
Adopted March 24.

- a) Create a Special Education Fund
- b) Appropriate the following:
- c) (1) \$65,093 to Transportation Stabilization Fund from Lexpress Special Revenue Account.
- d) (2) \$350,000 to Special Education Fund, transfer from Art. 21 of '07 Annual Town Meeting.

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Art. 25: Appropriate for Stabilization Fund

Adopted March 26. From Unreserved Fund Balance
\$1,000,000

Art. 26: Appropriate for Prior Years' Unpaid Bills

Indefinitely postponed March 26.

Art. 27: Amend FY2008 Operating Budget

Adopted May 5.

That the following amounts be appropriated to the following line items for the current fiscal year's budget as approved by the 2007 Annual Town Meeting and subsequently amended by the 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Line Item	Description	From	To
2130	Health Insurance	\$19,869,4487	\$19,619,487
2140	Unemployment	\$375,445	\$175,445
2160	Property/Liability Ins.	\$582,853	\$592,853
2230	Temporary Borrowing	\$260,325	\$147,325
4100	Police Expenses	\$468,507	\$473,507
4200	Fire Expenses	\$485,062	\$508,377
7100	Community Dev. Payroll	\$771,687	\$739,187
7101	Community Dev. Expense	\$71,689	\$104,189
7300	Economic Dev. Expenses	\$103,736	\$104,486
8600	MIS Payroll	\$187,941	\$112,941
3100-3499	DPW Payroll	\$3,316,221	\$3,601,906
3100-3499	DPW Expenses	5,126,015	\$5,376,015
8210	Town Mgr. Expenses	\$143,125	\$207,125

and, further that \$750 be appropriated from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance.

Art. 28: Appropriate for Authorized Capital Improvements

Adopted April 28. In addition to \$85,000 appropriated by the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, \$60,000 be appropriated to rebuild the double basketball court at the Center Recreation Complex, from general fund unreserved fund balance

Art. 29: Funds to Reduce the Tax Rate

Indefinitely postponed March 26.

Art. 30: Amend General Bylaw; Stormwater

Adopted March 31. Permits Town to establish procedures to protect ponds and streams from pollution.

Art.31: Amend General Bylaw

Adopted March 19. Regarding trench excavation permits.

Art. 32: Amend General Bylaw – Abatement of Interest

Adopted March 26. Selectmen permitted to abate interest in certain circumstances.

Art. 33: Amend General Bylaw; Contracts

Adopted March 31. Gives Town officials more flexibility in awarding certain contracts.

Art. 34: Amend Non-Criminal Disposition Bylaw

Adopted March 31. Establishes fines for violations of rules governing burglar and other alarms.

Art. 35: Amend General Bylaw; Deputy Moderator

Adopted March 31. Permits Moderator to appoint, with Town Meeting approval, a Deputy Moderator to serve under certain circumstances.

Art. 36: Amend General Bylaw – Snow/Ice Removal

Not Adopted March 31. Citizens' Petition that would have required all property owners to clear their sidewalks.

Art. 37: Amend Tree Bylaw

Adopted March 19. Clarified fee structure

Art. 38: Moderator Rulings

Not Adopted April 9. A Citizens' Petition would have made rulings by Moderator subject to appeal.

Art. 39: Amend General Bylaw, Tourism Committee

Adopted March 19. Housekeeping article.

Art. 40: Double Utility Poles

Adopted April 28. A citizens' petition to the Selectmen asking for further action on getting utilities to remove double utility poles.

Art. 41: Municipal Utilities (Citizens' Petition)

Adopted March 26. Repeated Town Meeting action of '05 in support of petition to the state to allow towns to acquire and operate electric utilities.

Art. 42: Resolution – Climate Change

Adopted April 7. Citizens' Petition to the state and President to take action regarding threat of rapid climate change.

Art. 43: Resolution – Petroleum Impacts

Adopted April 7. Citizens' Petition that the Town consider the impacts of global warming in conjunction with economic development proposals.

Art. 44: Reconfirmed Town's previous petitions to Legislature *Adopted March 19.***Art. 45: Sale of Land to Abutter**

Adopted April 28. Property at corner of Buckman Dr. and Moreland Ave.

Art. 46: Accept gift of land from Schumacher family

Adopted March 19. Lot 84 bordering Rt. 128.

Art. 47: Accept gift of land from Wheaton family

Adopted March 19. Lot 59 on Arcola St.

Art. 48: Munroe School Disposition

Indefinitely postponed April 30.

Art. 49: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Special Permit Residential

Adopted April 9. Simplified /clarified regulations involving all residential developments.

Art. 50: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Building Heights

Not adopted April 12.

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a) Reduce building heights from 40 feet to 35 feet.

Adopted April 12

b) Housekeeping change.

c) Regarding lot grade measurements.

Art. 50: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Height of Buildings

Not Adopted April 9: Section 1, reduce height of residential buildings to 35ft

Adopted April 9. Section 2, housekeeping change; Section 3, determining average natural grade.

Art. 51: Associate Planning Board Member

Adopted April 9. Establishes position of Associate Planning Board Member.

Art. 52: Amend Zoning Bylaw, from RO to CRS

Adopted April 16, Part I land at corner of Lowell and Woburn streets.

Not adopted April 16, Part II land at 303 Woburn Street

Art. 53: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Floor Area Ratio

Not Adopted April 30. A Citizens' Petition that would have increased Floor Area Ratio in the Hartwell Ave. commercial area.

Art. 54: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Mixed Uses in CM District
Not Adopted April 30. A Citizens' Petition that would have allowed certain retail uses in the Hartwell Ave. area.

Art. 55: Amend Zoning Bylaw, CRO District Floor Area Ratio

Adopted April 30. Citizens' Petition to raise Floor Area Ratio from 0.15 to 0.30 in light manufacturing districts.

Art. 56: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Traffic.

Not Adopted April 30. Citizens' Petition that would have modified the traffic section of Chapter 135.

Art. 57: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Development Standards

Indefinitely Postponed April 30. A Citizens' Petition.

Art. 58: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Transition Areas

Indefinitely postponed May 5.

Article 59: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Parking/ Bicycles

Adopted May 5. A Citizens' Petition creating preferential parking spaces for bicycles and carpools at offices and other commercial buildings.

Art. 60: Amend Zoning Bylaw, Parking/ Retail

Indefinitely postponed May 5. ■

Lexington Ad Hoc Climate Action Plan Committee (LexCAPC)

ROLE: To develop a Climate Action Plan for Lexington that will provide a focus for local actions by residents, commercial entities, and local government to achieve cost savings and facilitate climate protection measures as outlined in the committee's charge. The Climate Action Plan will be based on similar plans done by other towns that are member of ICLEI (International Cities for Local Environmental Initiatives).

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Toby Sackton, Vice-Chairs Rick Abrams and Adam Sacks, John Huchra and Ken Karnofsky, JJ Krawczyk, Andy McClaine, Linda Moran, Charles Moore, Marilyn Campbell and Sam Silverman.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Held a public meeting in April to present preliminary results on Lexington carbon emissions by sector (Municipal, Commercial, Residential) and by emission type (fuel oil and natural gas, electricity, transportation).
- Gathered comparable Climate Action Plans from other cities and towns.
- Began the process of creating a draft document to be presented to the Board of Selectmen in 2009.
- Two members resigned from the committee: JJ Krawczyk and Linda Moran, but there are no plans to seek replacement members, as we are an ad hoc committee with a 2-year mandate. ■

Management Information Systems (MIS)

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$ 69,126....	\$ 99,245
Expenses	\$299,819....	\$237,531
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	3	3

ROLE: To provide high-quality, cost-effective information technology resources to Town departments, so that they can provide services to the citizens of the Town. MIS is solely responsible for the maintenance and security of the Town departments' local area network. Other responsibilities include technology policy development, organizational training, end-user support, data management, and website maintenance. The MIS Department co-manages the Town's

Wide Area Network with the Lexington Public Schools MIS Department.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Dorinda Goodman as Director of Information Technology in December, 2008.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Upgraded the server that supports the Town's financial management software applications.
- Completed the rewiring of Town Hall for data transmission.
- Assisted the police and fire departments in bringing the Emergency Operations Center online.
- Assisted the police department in the implementation of Reverse 911. ■

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

ROLE: to promote balanced, long-term economic development, which reflects and enhances the character of our community. The EDAC will:

1. Develop and recommend programs to the Board of Selectmen pertaining to economic development; be a proponent for the current and prospective businesses in Lexington; and educate taxpayers about economic development issues;
2. Be notified of significant economic development proposals before the Town;
3. Promote streamlining of the Town's regulatory processes as they relate to commercial development;
4. When requested by the Board of Selectmen, provide a committee perspective and/or recommendation on specific commercial development proposals;
5. When requested by the Board of Selectmen, review economic development incentives for specific commercial development proposals;
6. Coordinate its work with other relevant boards and committees on economic development issues to enhance effectiveness and avoid redundancy; and,
7. Perform other related projects as may be requested by the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair John McWeeney, Narain Bhatia, George Burnell (Selectmen Liaison), Frederick DeAngelis, Mollie Garberg (2020 Vision Liaison), Peter Kelley (Selectmen Liaison), Sheryl Mahoney, Jerold Michelson, David Pronchick, Lawrence Smith, Sigmar Tullman, Joe Zink; Gregory Zurlo (Planning Board Liaison)

HIGHLIGHTS:

The EDAC is a new committee established by the Selectmen as recommended by the Economic Development Task Force. It is an advisory committee, not a regulator. The committee's role is to facilitate economic development in town through communication and education. The Committee receives Staff Assistance from the very capable and professional Economic Development Director Susan Yanofsky whose assistance is greatly appreciated and valued.

Lexington Selectmen recognized that commercial property values have not been increasing at the same rate as residential values and there was little new commercial development in Town. Commercial properties pay a higher tax rate than residential in Lexington, so commercial properties are subsidizing residential taxes. The amount of land devoted to commercial is limited, but there are some opportunities to redevelop buildings and sites that are obsolete or underdeveloped.

The Selectmen heard that brokers were telling prospects that other communities were more open to business and less demanding and time-consuming in their permitting processes. The Northwest is the area most sought after by the new cutting edge technologies, the very businesses Lexington wants to attract. This is the time to act as the State has earmarked \$1 billion for development of these industries and the industries want to locate in this area.

An increasing burden of taxes is falling on residential properties, which raises the issue of affordability as we go forward. Future income shortfalls were projected which will require overrides to maintain the level of municipal services to our citizens.

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The Town diligently advanced a review of the status quo through an Economic Development Task Force led by co-chairs Mollie Garberg and Greg Zurlo over the last 2 years, which led to a consult by the Cecil Group and the culmination of the Task Force with its Report of August 22, 2008. A strong argument was made at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting for zoning changes necessary to foster development. The Meeting asked the Planning Board to take up the challenge. The zoning code and the permitting process are now under review by the Planning Board. The Planning Board met with the EDAC in November to advise the direction of their thinking and their estimated schedule of progress towards new zoning articles for Hartwell Avenue in the Spring 2009 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board held a public discussion work session in October to explore economic development and to get guidance on people's thoughts about increasing the Floor Area Ratio and whether there was a willingness to increase building height and other dimensional requirements.

Increased traffic is always a result of new development. This is surmountable. Traffic engineers can provide us with an evaluation of the existing conditions and various options to choose from to achieve desired results. Lexington can do its own studies and/or have peer review of proponent's studies.

Future funds are being husbanded for traffic mitigation. In fact, several long-promised mitigation improvements are now moving forward, such as improvements to Spring Street and Marrett Road Intersection and improvements to Waltham Street and Marrett Road intersection. The Selectmen are involved and meeting with our neighboring cities and towns to look at traffic as a regional problem and look for regional solutions.

It is important to work with existing and new developments to expand on or create transit-linked transportation and to establish incentives for employees to car pool and use public transportation. There is also a need to review what other forward-thinking communities are doing for traffic mitigation and green building and adopt what is appropriate for Lexington. Businesses are also looking for ways to reduce operating costs through use of less energy and are insisting on LEED buildings.

Lexington has been prudent in balancing development. Now is the moment to seize the opportunity to create additional high-quality commercial growth at a reasonable and controlled rate, provide for appropriate mitigation and enjoy the financial flexibility to meet the needs and expectations of our citizens. ■

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>		
Police	\$4,131,844 ..	\$3,611,190
Dispatch.....	\$ 501,094 ..	\$ 493,692
Parking Meter Maintenance ...	\$ 50,853 ..	\$ 46,925
Animal Control	\$ 22,480 ..	\$ 20,701
EXPENSES		
Police.....	\$429,530....	\$399,167
Dispatch	\$ 29,767....	\$ 27,123
Parking Meter Maintenance	\$ 23,745....	\$ 20,058
Animal Control.....	\$ 2,927....	\$ 2,637
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>		
Police.....	48	48
Dispatch.....	9	9
Parking Meter Maintenance	1	1
Civilian.....	3	3
<i>Part Time</i>		
Animal Control	1	1
Cadets	3	3

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Christopher Casey, Chief of Police since 1993.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Police Chief Christopher Casey announced his retirement
- Lexington joined nine other communities in the Domestic Violence Service Network
- Seven grant-funded initiatives received \$153,000
- Police cruisers were newly equipped with durable Tough Book® laptops
- Several major crimes were solved with convictions of the offenders

PERSONNEL: In March, dispatcher Geoffrey Buchanan was hired, coming to Lexington with 8-years experience as a dispatcher with Stoneham. In May, Officer Christopher Collins returned from 1 year of active duty having served in Iraq with the National Guard. In September, Matthew Murphy was hired as a patrol officer; Murphy has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts; he recently completed active duty (Baghdad, Iraq) with the U.S. Army Military Police. In June, Cadet James Ryser was hired by the Tewksbury Police after serving Lexington for 3-years.

In the spring, Chief Christopher Casey announced his retirement (effective in early 2009) after 32 years of service and 16 years as Chief of Police. Chief Casey has been a strong

advocate for community policing initiatives and building a skilled command staff team. As approved by the Board of Selectmen, Chief Casey's successor will be selected through Civil Service from within the Lexington Police Department. Highlights to Chief Casey's career include:

1993: conducted the first community survey: a third survey was recently finished with results due in 2009

1994: oversaw the consolidation of dispatching into a joint police/fire/9-1-1 communication center

1996: created a full-time family services detective and implemented the school resource officer program

1997: established Lexington's Domestic Violence Response Team: joined a regional drug task force

1998: provided the seed money for building a skate park

2001: established a motorcycle unit, Honor Guard, and police website: purchased defibrillators for cruisers

2001: took leadership role revising police academy training and developing new college programs at Middlesex Community College; Vice-President of North East Municipal Law Enforcement Council

2005: helped managed the natural gas explosion and system crisis affecting 1800 homes

2005: helped mitigate the impact of two hate groups visiting Lexington; the department was awarded an International Association of Chiefs of Police certificate recognizing efforts to promote civil rights

2006: implemented a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program

2007: upgraded the police radio network and dispatch center to new digital radio systems

Programs & Initiatives

- The Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) has been a successful program reaching out to and advocating for victims of domestic violence. In October, Lexington joined the Domestic Violence Service Network (DVSN). This collaborative group represents ten agencies, including all of the police departments within the Concord Court jurisdiction. By coordinating with the court, probation, and the District Attorney, victims of domestic violence will receive care and service consistent with regional standards. The DVSN also specializes in developing educational programs and increasing awareness.
- On July 1, the School Crossing Guard program was transferred to the police department. Sixteen part-time employees cover fourteen school crossings. Many of the posts require

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crossing guards not only to cross school children but also manage traffic flow in and out of the schools. The department is committed to maintaining public and student safety with regular communication with schools and parents.

- Uniform Day was a new initiative where all officers assigned to the dayshift (including detectives and administrative staff) came to work in uniform. Supplemented with grant-funded overtime, the number of officers patrolling Lexington was tripled on selected days. High-accident intersections and center traffic violations were targeted. Neighborhoods that experienced copper thefts were also patrolled heavily.
- 2008 was the first full-year with the new Alarm bylaw and increased service fees. The bylaw was rewritten adopting language from a model burglar alarm ordinance drafted by the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association and the False Alarm Reduction Association. With a slight decrease in alarm activity, the department will continue to encourage responsible use and proper maintenance of alarm systems.
- Safe streets initiatives were renewed with grant funding with Officers participating in the “Click-it or Ticket,” and “Drunk Driving – Over the Limit – Under Arrest” traffic safety campaigns.
- The sting of \$4.00/gallon gas prices was eased with our conversion to Dodge Charger police vehicles. The multi-displacement engine has consistently delivered better fuel mileage.
- Expanding on successful crime prevention programs such as “Home Alone” and “Internet Safety,” the department is reviving the Citizen Academy. In cooperation with Lexington Community Education, the department is preparing a four-evening program to review police operations, “what if?” scenarios and identity theft. The program should be available in the spring of 2009.
- Benchmarking data was submitted for the second year to the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Lexington is one of five communities working as a networking group to collect data for comparison with the purpose of improving agency effectiveness and efficiency.

Grant Funding

- \$52,000 - A Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SETB) grant was received in December; this unique grant will be used to cover computer-aided dispatching expenses and other dispatch equipment purchases.
- \$9,000 - A second SETB grant funded dispatcher training on domestic violence, suicide intervention and emergency fire operations.
- \$35,000 - A “Community Policing” grant helped support several initiatives including Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), bicycle patrols, a police station open house and a community survey.
- \$12,000 – A grant from the Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau funded the “Click-it or Ticket” and drunk driving enforcement programs.

- \$10,000 – A grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPS) provided funding for alcohol compliance enforcement at local businesses and at local school events.
- \$10,000 - After training a staff member in search and rescue, the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) paid for night vision equipment and training to be used in nighttime search operations.
- \$25,000 – A Domestic Violence Prevention grant fully funds a domestic violence advocate who works closely with the Family Services Detective in Lexington.

Capital Expenditures

In April, Town Meeting approved a joint police/fire capital request for Tough Book® laptops. Each police cruiser was equipped with a laptop capable of withstanding the 24/7 operations of police service. The laptops provide officers with immediate access to the local network as well as regional and national police information systems.

Noteworthy Investigations

- Several store breaks in Lexington Center in December 2007 resulted in a joint investigation with Concord police. In 2008, two men were identified and subsequently convicted of crimes in several communities.
- After a series of car breaks at local ball fields, an Arlington man is currently charged with six counts of breaking and entering as well as credit card fraud.
- Several apartment breaks on Waltham Street were committed by a man from Boston with many aliases. A search warrant recovered stolen property from crimes in Lexington and five other communities.
- A series of housebreaks in the Marrett Road area were solved when a local resident was identified and large quantities of property were recovered from area pawnshops.
- An Arlington man drove off with a local company’s van and \$10,000 in bank deposits. He was subsequently arrested at a casino in Connecticut.
- A note passing bank robbery in Lexington Center was solved with the assistance of the Bank Robbery Task Force. A Dedham man was arrested and charges are pending.
- A 2006 housebreak on Grove Street was solved through forensic evidence; a Lexington resident is being charged with the crime.
- A Peabody man and woman were identified after breaking into cars at a local sports club. They have been charged with stealing a wallet and credit card fraud.
- Lexington is one of several communities victimized by an organized group targeting convenience stores and sub shops. The department continues to investigate while also increasing business security checks.

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Statistics

- Service calls increased 3.7% (409 calls) reflecting a trend by residents to request police checks of suspicious persons and building conditions.
- The department also emphasized an important crime-prevention strategy called “park, lock and walk” (PLW). PLW employs officers stopping, locking their police cruiser and walking targeted areas. As a result, the theft from motor vehicles, typically GPS and laptop units, dropped 14.3% (15 fewer crimes).
- Forced entry into homes and businesses also decreased 11.2% (10 fewer crimes). Overall, reported crimes (904) decreased by 3.6% (34 fewer) from 2007.

Town Report Statistical Figures

Complaints and Calls For Service

Motor Vehicle Accidents	901
Animal Control	205
Alarms Residential/Commercial	1,668
Fire Department Assist.	1,959
Motorist Assists.	337
Missing Persons.	38
Disturbance/Disputes.	286
Building/Person Checks	1,322
Suspicious Activity	223
All Crimes	904
Park-Lock-Walk/Directed Patrols	1,216
Total Calls for Service	11,400

Motor Vehicle Citations Issued

Warnings	2,719
Civil Infractions	1,539
Criminal Complaints	107
Arrests	62

High Accident Locations

(10 or more incidents with more than \$1,000 damage)

Bedford St @ Rte 128 / 95	20
Bedford St @ Hartwell Av	15
Bedford St @ Harrington Rd.	14
Mass Av @ Maple St	14
Woburn St @ Lowell St	11

Fines Generated by Traffic Enforcement

Moving Violations fines issued.	\$132,030
Parking Violations issued	\$ 10,226
Parking fees collected	\$143,298
Meter revenue	\$182,868

Prosecution Summary

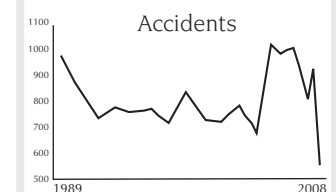
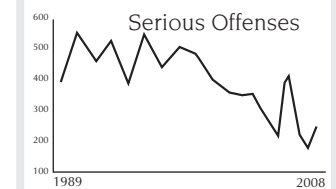
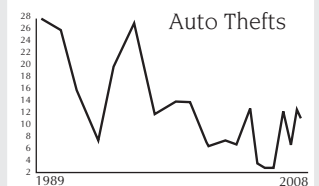
Arrest without Warrant	140
Arrest with Warrant	13
Criminal Summons	137
Clerk's Hearing	48
Private Complaints	1
* Juvenile Diversion	12
** Protective Custody	10

*not prosecuted **non-criminal

Criminal Court Summary by Type of Offense

Operating to Endanger	5
Operating w/o License.	47
Operating Under the Influence	8
Revoked/Suspended License	42
Disorderly/Disturbing the Peace	12
Liquor Violations	18
Vandalism/Malicious Destruction	13
Forgery, Uttering, Counterfeiting	2
Receiving Stolen Property	5
Drug Violations	31
Domestic Order Violations	4
Assaults	42
Threats	3
Trespass	5
Robbery	2
Arson	0
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	9
Theft/Larceny	32

Larcenies—Reported .. 240
 Calls for Service 11,400
 Auto Thefts 12 || Serious Offenses | 240 |
| M/V Accidents | 561 |



Fire and Rescue Department

EXPENDITURES:	FY07	FY08
Payroll	\$4,057,339 ..	\$4,130,153
Expenses.....	\$ 468,567 ..	\$ 519,992

PERSONNEL

Full Time.....	56	56
Part Time	1	1

ROLE: To protect the lives and property of the community from emergencies involving fire, medical, hazardous materials, and environmental causes. This mission is achieved through public education, code management, and emergency response. The Chief of the Department also serves as the Emergency Management Director whose responsibilities include providing assistance to the community following natural disasters and other emergencies.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chief William Middlemiss since March 2004.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued to see an increase in the calls for service, topping 4200 for the first time. While over 50% of these calls were for assistance relating to Emergency Medical Services, there was also a slight increase in the number of calls relating to Hazardous Materials.
- Responded to two fires of personal significance:
- The first on the morning of September 15. Calls were received for a fire in a residence at 5 Paul Revere Road; this incident claimed the life of Gina Brown, the mother of three. This incident was the first fatal fire in the Town of Lexington in over 10 years, and was the result of an unfortunate accident.
- The second incident, which occurred on October 31, was an extensive fire that destroyed the 18-unit Hancock School Condominiums, requiring the assistance of many out-of-town fire departments.
- The department received two new pieces of equipment during the year: Engine 1, a 1500-gallon-per-minute pumper with a 750 gallon water tank, built by Ferrara Fire Apparatus, and delivered in June; Forestry 1, a truck locally built and delivered on April 23, 2008 and immediately pressed into service.

Incidents of Significance

In 2008, the department responded to 4208 calls, 2559 of the calls were medical emergencies with 1690 resulting in transportation of one or more patients to a medical facility.

The following is a brief summary of incidents of significance:

March 25: Working fire, 6 Judges Road

July 15: Third Alarm, Lowell Street, Plant Action Greenhouse

April 22: Working Fire (Brush), 1.5 acres, 35 Hayes Lane

April 23: Second Alarm (Brush), 10 acres, rear of Golden Living Center

April 23: Working fire (Brush) Sunderland Park

May 20: Working fire (Brush) 1 acre

September 15: Second Alarm, 5 Paul Revere Road, one civilian fatality

October 7: Working fire, 37 Webb Street

October 31: Fourth Alarm, 33 Forest Street,

Grants

The Department continues to participate and receive grant funding for its participation in the Student Awareness for Fire Safety Education (SAFE) program.

Once again the department was the recipient of a fire equipment grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services.

Training

The fire department participated in over 3600 hours of on-hands training, varying from Hazardous Materials responses to handling underground electrical vault fires. Also included were sessions on high-angle ladder rescue operations, Paramedic Refresher Training, as well as hose-line distribution and foam operations.

Fire Prevention Division

The division has been active with the completion of four major construction projects in town: Avalon at Lexington Hills, which is the old Metropolitan State Hospital site off Concord Avenue, two Starwood Hotels, Element and Aloft, at the former Sheraton Hotel site on Marrett Road and the redevelopment of 300 Patriot Way the former Raytheon site off Spring Street.

The fire prevention division has oversight, including testing and inspection, of all fire protection systems such as sprinkler and fire alarms, which include smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and occupant notification.

In addition, these four major developments were the first buildings in Town to have bi-directional antenna systems installed within their buildings. These systems allow fire department personnel to operate inside buildings with improved radio communication to the outside. Due to construction materials, many new and existing buildings virtually block radio communications when we are inside. The fire prevention division continues to strive to eliminate poor radio reception in buildings for the safety of personnel operating inside.

Although the above represents the division's responsibilities over these large projects, the same holds true for smaller construction projects such as tenant space renovations in

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many of the Town's commercial buildings and also residential sites. The division has reviewed 230 building construction plans transmitted from the building commissioner's office for building permits. These plan reviews ultimately results in fire prevention inspections for compliance with the requirements of the State fire code and the fire protection system requirements in the state building code.

The division also issued over 600 permits in accordance with the State fire code for the installation of sprinkler and fire alarm systems, oil burners, above and below ground storage tanks for storing flammable and combustible liquids and propane gas, and for performing explosive blasting and cutting and welding. For every permit issued at least one inspection is required to determine compliance with the fire code and any conditions of the Fire Prevention Division.

The department continued the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program with some reimbursement funding through the State Executive Office of Public Safety. The mission is to enable students to recognize the dangers of fire and more specifically the fire hazards tobacco products pose. This program is administered by trained department personnel and presented first-grade children in the six elementary schools. The objective is to reduce fires, burns and deaths and encourage the children to see fire fighters as role models.

All Town-owned buildings, including the schools, are now being monitored for fire alarms by radio master boxes. These replace the former telegraph boxes, which have been in existence since the late 1800's. Any fire alarms are now received instantaneously by fire department dispatch over airwaves instead of through obsolete telegraph lines.

The addition of Lieutenant Tremblay to the Fire Prevention Division has greatly increased productivity and reduced a backlog of required inspections. He has also been instrumental with public service announcements and providing fire safety education to many groups with the community.

Emergency Medical Services

Transports of patients continue to increase, reaching in excess of 1700 for the calendar year. Firefighter-Paramedics now staff the two Rescue-Ambulances on a full-time basis. The Department applied for, and is awaiting approval from the Office of Emergency Medical Services to operate two engine companies as non-transporting, Class V, ambulances, allowing enhanced ALS supplies and services to be delivered on all EMS calls.

The Lexington Fire Department along with our neighbors of Lincoln, Bedford, and Concord provided assistance during a Mass Casualty Incident Drill held at Hanscom Field. Also participating was Armstrong Ambulance and Emerson EMS, the drill coordinated by MassPort was part of its annual recertification processes, and was led by the Hanscom AFB Fire Department.

Advanced equipment was placed in service, including a second carbon hemoglobin detector. All cardiac monitors have been replaced with more advanced technology, providing paramedics rapid with intervention in lifesaving situations.

A contract was awarded to Specialty Vehicles of North Attleboro for the construction and replacement of a new ambulance; delivery of this vehicle is expected in July of 2009.

Emergency Management

Working under the leadership of Karen Simmons, this department, as well as all others in Town government, have been working to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), which is intended to provide guidance in the event of a major event that may affect Town government.

The Department has continued to work with several others in emergency planning and developing cross-border strategies in the event of a hazardous materials release. This planning was exercised at BAE systems this past January, providing a learning tool for all involved.

Personnel

Firefighter/Paramedic Anne McGrath resigned her position with the department in January.

Aaron Paskalis was appointed to the department in December as a firefighter/paramedic.

Firefighter/Paramedics Adam Hubbard, Shawn Ormiston, Jason Morey, Adam McClellan, and Michael O'Connor completed the 12-week recruit-training course at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Lt. Donald Chisholm after serving the Town and department for many years as its Emergency Medical Services Coordinator resigned this position. Firefighter/Paramedic David Hargrave was appointed in December to replace Lt. Chisholm as the Emergency Medical Services Coordinator.

Commendations

Off-duty Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Culleton was commended for his actions on October 25 when, while at a Cheerleading competition, he noticed a spectator in distress. After investigating he found she was in cardiac arrest. Firefighter Culleton commenced resuscitation efforts until the arrival of local EMS services.

Off-duty Firefighter Michael O'Connor was commended for his actions at an event he was attending in Melrose. During a dance recital an elderly woman collapsed and required CPR. Firefighter O'Connor initiated CPR without the benefit of any universal safety equipment. Firefighter O'Connor continued CPR without relief for some time. His actions have been credited with sustaining the woman's life. ■

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen on traffic safety issues. The Police Department reviews residents' traffic concerns to assess safety levels and to develop recommendations that may require consultation with staff from the engineering, planning, or school departments. Unresolved traffic safety concerns are scheduled for a public meeting presided over by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Board of Selectmen reviews meeting reports and recommendations. Recommendations approved by the Selectmen requiring signs or markings are forwarded to the Department of Public Works for implementation, and code changes are forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Stephen Ades, Steve Frymer, Sudhir Murthy, Stefan Schatzki, Martha Batten (School Department), Captain Charles Sargent (Police Department), David Cannon (Engineering), Gail Wagner (Transportation Services).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Installed "Not A Thru Way" sign on Hancock Avenue at Hancock Street.
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- Installed "School Zone" signs on Colony Road.
- Contributed to creation of a Town Traffic Calming Policy.
- Responded to 102 traffic safety issues presented by residents. ■

Biosafety Committee

ROLE: To oversee all uses of recombinant DNA (rDNA) within the Town; to advise the Board of Health, which permits facilities using rDNA; to review all applications for permits for the use of rDNA for compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Janice Pero, PhD; Wendy Heiger-Bernays, PhD; Chief William Middlemiss. Staff: Health Director, Gerard Cody.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Eight permits were issued in 2008.
- Biosafety consultant inspected all eight permitted facilities and presented the results and written inspection reports to the Office of Community Development, Health Division and Board of Health.

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Board of Health

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll	\$108,805	\$148,623
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	2	3
Part Time	1	1

ROLE: To protect and promote the health of residents and those who work in or visit the Town; to develop and implement effective health policies, regulations, and programs that prevent disease and ensure the well being of the community.

APPOINTED

by the Town Manager: Chair Wendy Heiger-Bernays, PhD; Burt Perlmutter, MD; Sharon MacKenzie, RN; Deborah Thompson, ScD; Judith Feldman, M.D. Staff: Health Director, Gerard Cody R.E.H.S./R.S.; Environmental Health Agent, Kathy Fox, CHO, CFSP and Public Health Nurse, David Neylon, RN

HIGHLIGHTS:

Environmental Health

- Implemented a commercial food preparation educational seminar program open to all food workers. Titled "Person in Charge Training", this was offered on eight occasions including one class focusing on those who primarily speak Portuguese or Spanish.
- Revised procedures for housing complaints to include a systematic inspection process including a detailed order to correct, with photographs of the violations imbedded in the document.
- Created a Beach Closure policy for post-rain events in order to measure the bacteria levels at the "Old Reservoir" bathing beach.
- In an effort to avoid "needle sticks" and to help protect groundwater, implemented and staffed four household medical waste collection events. These events gathered over 400 pounds of syringes and over the counter pharmaceutical products for proper disposal by a licensed Medical Waste contractor.
- Participated in an integrated mosquito management program directed at reducing the mammal biting mosquito



Front row left to right: Sharon MacKenzie, R.N.; Wendy Heiger-Bernays, Ph.D., Chair; Judith Feldman, M.D.; Back row left to right: Ann Belliveau, Health Clerk; Burt M. Perlmutter, M.D.; Deborah Thompson, ScD.; Gerard F. Cody, Health Director.

Photo: David S. Tabeling

population and reducing the risk of West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Some of the statistics include the treatment of over 3600 catch basins and 183 acres of prime mosquito habitat. In addition, mosquito survey collections were submitted to the Mass. Dept of Public Health to be tested for WNV and EEE.

Community Health

- Updated the Smoking and Tobacco Regulation to be compliant with the State regulation and to add a buffer zone around municipal buildings to prevent smoke from intruding into buildings.
- Created a regional Public Health Nurse position with the Town of Belmont. The can track communicable diseases, share resources and collaborate with neighboring health departments much more efficiently.
- Received a grant to obtain 400 doses of free Flu Mist. It is estimated that the cost to purchase this product would exceed \$9,400.

Emergency Preparedness

- Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) plans were revised to include a drill, which was conducted on November 1. As a result of the drill 793 citizens were vaccinated for influenza and several were vaccinated for pneumonia and tetanus, all in less than 3 hours.
- Staff participated in Regional Meetings, trainings and a similar EDS drill for the Town of Burlington on November 22.
- The Medical Reserve Corp members were able to obtain an identification badge and receive free training for Flu Care at home and Emergency Dispensing site operations. In addition, the local Medical Reserve Corp Board recruited new members and commitment to the organization was renewed.

Statistics	2008	2007	2006
Permits Issued	533*	616	606
Inspections	568	441	513
Old Reservoir Beach water testing samples	29	20	20
Health Education Seminars/Community Outreach	14	2	2
Complaints (Food, Housing, Nuisance, Mosquitoes, Pools, Hotel, Animals)	41**	324**	289**
Communicable Diseases	115	101	56
Immunizations (Influenza)	1202	442	460

*Note: In 2008, Massage Establishments and Therapists were no longer permitted by the Health Division, (according to State Law).

**Note: In 2008, Animal Complaints were processed through Police Animal Control Department. Another deviation from previous years includes the tracking of only complaints that resulted in an inspection. ■

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Department of Public Facilities

EXPENDITURE	FY 08	FY 07
Payroll School	\$2,930,478 ..	\$2,728,745
Town	\$ 315,527 ..	\$ 304,782
Expense School	\$4,676,767 ..	\$4,092,044
Town	\$1,071,917 ..	\$1,014,022
Payroll Total	\$3,246,005 ..	\$3,033,527
Expense Total.....	\$5,748,684 ..	\$5,106,066

PERSONNEL

Full Time.....	68	68
Part Time.....	1	1

APPOINTED by the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools, Patrick Goddard, Director of Public Facilities since August 2007.

ROLE: To coordinate and care for all Town-owned buildings inclusive of those under the control of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Library Trustees and School Committee. The DPF is charged with managing the efficient operation and maintenance of Town buildings, preserving these building and equipment assets of the Town, and for planning and implementing capital improvements. These objectives will be accomplished by establishing appropriate services in support of building users, implementing maintenance programs that result in reliable facility operation, and by establishing a 5-year Facility Capital Plan through collaboration with the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) and other town committees.

Transition

The first consolidated budget for the new Department of Public Facilities was approved by 2008 Town Meeting. During 2008, a staffing plan consisting of both tenured employees and new hires was developed and implemented for the new department.

Staffing

Bill Kealy, PBC Project Manager, retired after more than 8 years of service to the Town. Mark Barrett, (NCARB,) was hired as the new Project Manager, reporting to the Director of Public Facilities. Mark is managing several large capital projects, including the construction of the new DPW building at 201 Bedford Street and the heating conversion at Clarke Middle School. Sergio DeMango, Facility Engineer, was hired to fill an open position and is responsible for Town-wide efficient operation of security, fire protection, and telephone systems, as well as the management of building envelope projects. In August, Judy Pearson joined the DPF full-time to process requests for pur-

chases and vendor payments, duties previously performed by the School Finance Department and DPW administration prior to the formation of the Public Facilities Department. Laurie Lucibello was also hired to manage rentals for the new Rental Revolving fund, and to provide administrative support to the PBC.

Shawn Newell, Operations Manager, continues in the role of Assistant Director of DP, supervising the Facility Manager and Assistant Director for Custodial Services. Manny Cabral filled the open Custodial Services position due to the retirement of Bob Martin, who retired after 35 years of service to the Lexington Public Schools. Ray Drapeau was hired as Facility Manager and Lisa McGuire continues her role (in facilities) as Facility Coordinator.

DPF Administration

HIGHLIGHTS

- Director received designation as an Associate-level Massachusetts Public Procurement Official (MCPPO, a designation requires 1 year of experience in public procurement in addition to fulfillment of all of the technical requirements.
- Director presented an overview of the Department of Public Facilities in May at the League of Women Voters "First Friday Forum."
- Developed energy management systems for oil, natural gas, and electricity use at all Municipal and School buildings. These systems track energy consumption and spending versus budget on a monthly basis (approximately \$2.78M in annual expenses.)
- Reduced electricity consumption at school buildings 9.9% in 2008, down nearly 900,000-kilowatt hours (kwh). Three successive years of reduced electricity consumption has resulted in cost avoidance of nearly \$250,000 for FY 2009.

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Parks employee Paul Wentzell puts an apprehensive Conor Custance in the driver's seat of a mower at the DPW Open House in May.

Photo: Courtesy Photo

- Completed High School HVAC Master Plan, which outlines an implementation strategy to achieve operational efficiencies, reduce utility consumption, and achieve classroom environmental conditions suitable for education.
- Assisted PBC and Superintendent of Schools in selecting the architectural firm Design Partnership of Cambridge to complete a PreK-12 Master Plan, with specific emphasis on high school overcrowding and capital needs of the four oldest elementary schools.
- Developed a scope of work and received quotes to consolidate several alarm monitoring contracts with one vendor. The contract was awarded to American Alarm and Communications, Inc. of Arlington.
- Incorporated monthly invoicing requirements in all new service and supplies contracts, significantly reducing the volume of invoices processed on a monthly basis.
- Facilitated a review of the Massachusetts requirements for Indoor Pest Management (IPM) and Outdoor Pest Management (OPM) with School Principals, Head Custodians, Health Department, and DPF. The meeting reviewed the program, communication requirements, and developed a protocol for responding to stinging insects.

DPF Operations

HIGHLIGHTS

- Town-wide Fire Alarm service contract was awarded to Simplex Grinnell for inspections and testing of Fire Alarm and suppression systems in compliance with NFPA regulations.
- Town-wide custodial supplies contract was bid and awarded to MD Stetson Company, Inc.
- Standardized on the use of Green Seal products for custodial cleaning and paper products, including paper towels with > 40% post-consumer recycled content.
- Developed comprehensive equipment list and preventative maintenance (PM) plan for all buildings mechanical equipment. The equipment list includes 1,820 pieces of equipment in 23 buildings throughout the Town.
- Town-wide mechanical equipment PM and service contract was bid and awarded to Cooling & Heating Specialist, Inc.
- Town-wide building cleaning contract was bid and awarded to ENSERV. The contract includes cleaning of Cary Memorial Library, Town Office Building, Senior Center, areas of Lexington High School, and the Lexington Public Schools Administration building.
- Maintenance Direct, a web-based work order system, was expanded to include Town buildings in addition to school buildings. Monthly reports were developed detailing work-order status, by building, for distribution to building managers. Utilizing this process, 2,312 work orders were completed.
- Completed school building roofing inventory, complete with existing condition assessment, detailing 800,000 square feet of installed roofing.
- A PM contract was awarded to Russo Barr Associates, Inc. for school roofs.
- Repair contracts were awarded to stop water infiltration in specific areas of the slate roofs of the Town Office Building, Cary Hall, and Police Department.
- Completed commissioning of Fiske and Harrington school security systems and supported administrators in initiating access control at the schools.
- Partnered with the Lexington High School Landscape Committee to improve the LHS campus. During summer recess, benches, trash barrels, irrigation, and loam and seed were added to the main quad. In addition, concrete walls were repaired and capstones replaced.

DPF Project Management

HIGHLIGHTS

- Assisted the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) and the Cary Library Trustees appointees to the PBC in selecting HKT Architects to perform a study of the Stone Building. The report was completed and presented to the Library Trustees and the PBC.
- Assisted the PBC and the Council On Aging (COA) appointees to the PBC in selecting Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype to perform a site evaluation of the current Senior Center and the White House site. The report was completed and presented to the PBC.
- Completed engineering designs and specifications completed to convert the Clarke Middle School from electric heat to natural-gas-fired boilers with circulating hot water. New condensing boilers and univents for the classrooms were installed.
- Assisted the PBC in providing project management oversight of the new DPW building at 201 Bedford Street.
- Completed engineering designs and specifications for the Munroe Fire Prevention System Replacement. Worked with Munroe Center for the Arts staff in developing a construction plan for implementation of the design that minimizes disruption to the Center.
- Assisted the Fire Chief in developing a scope of work for Designer Selection to perform the Fire Department Headquarters study. Maguire Group Inc. was chosen to perform the study. A draft report was reviewed with the PBC.
- Assisted Cary Memorial Library staff in installation and operation of new security cameras.
- Assisted Police Department and Clarke Middle School staff in determining design of security camera system, utilizing Department of Homeland Security Grant for installation at the school.
- Assisted the Deputy Town Manager in developing a scope of work for Designer Selection to perform the Town Office Building study. Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype was chosen to perform the study.
- Completed engineering designs and specifications for a replacement roof at the Westview Cemetery building.
- Facilitated discussion between school administrators and PTA regarding design requirements for improvements to

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the Estabrook school bus drop-off area to improve safety. Improvements were completed during the summer recess.

- Assisted Community Development, DPW, and the Clarke Middle School administration to successfully support the Clarke PTA's fundraising effort and replace the dilapidated footbridge from the school to the recreation fields.
- Assisted school administration and Global Warming Action Committee members in bidding on and installing a 4.0 kW PV array at Lexington High School.

Department of Public Works

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$ 4,243,509	\$ 4,303,915
<i>Expenses</i>	\$15,756,591	\$15,877,297
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	69	76
<i>Part Time</i>	13	10
<i>Seasonal</i>	5	2

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Director William Hadley, since April 2000.

ROLE: To enhance the quality of life in Lexington. Every effort is made to maximize the efficient and effective use of resources in support, maintenance, and upkeep of infrastructure, public lands, and programs. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is committed to public safety and providing prompt, courteous, quality service to customers.

DPW Facility

Bill Hadley and Manager of Operations Wayne Brooks continued to work with the architects, general contractor, Public Facilities Department and the Permanent Building Committee to plan for the move back to the new DPW facility in the spring of 2009.

Transition

DPW staff managed to conduct business as usual while being deployed to separate areas of Town. The former School Administration building was home for the management and administrative staff; temporary trailers at the Compost Facility housed Highway and Parks staff; the Cemetery took in the mechanics and Forestry staff; and the North Lexington Pump Station accommodated the Water and Sewer Divisions. The rear of the Westview Cemetery and the Westview Street animal shelter are also being utilized for storage.

Staffing

Peter Chalpin, after ten years as Town Engineer and 38 years working for the Engineering Division, retired in September

2008, and a recruitment effort in the fall resulted in the hiring of John Livsey, effective January 5, 2009.

Self-Assessment

Primary goals of the DPW have been to provide the community with the best possible service and continue to look at alternatives that allow staff to perform their responsibilities more efficiently and effectively. To do this, the Department has taken on the self-assessment phase of the accreditation process sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA). Staff continued examining and documenting every policy and procedure in the department.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The new DPW Facility building is progressing and is on schedule thanks to oversight by the Permanent Building Committee and Public Facilities Department.
- Continued to work with the Center Committee on connectivity improvements to enhance access to the center businesses. Installed a new pedestrian ramp between the Depot Parking Lot and the Edison Way Parking lot behind the Bank of America.
- Director worked with the Historic Districts Commission, and the Center, Design Advisory, Disablement, Sidewalk and Tree committees to successfully implement installation of Phase II of the wire-cut brick sidewalk in the Center Business District on Massachusetts Avenue.
- Hosted the sixth annual DPW open house in May at Lincoln Park. More than 300 residents and children participated in demonstrations of equipment and explanations of DPW functions. Children enjoyed climbing on trucks and learning about different public works jobs and services.
- Provided support to various Town committees, including the Center, Tree, Sidewalk, Energy, Electric Ad Hoc, Water/Sewer Abatement Board, Permanent Building, Recreation, Transportation Advisory, Traffic Safety Advisory, Traffic Mitigation and Minuteman Household Hazardous Products (HHP) committees.

DPW Administration

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$431,798	\$377,528
<i>Expenses</i>	\$32,542	\$27,264
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	6	6
<i>Part Time</i>	1	1

ROLE: To manage personnel; monitor the annual budget; provide outreach to the community; supervise numerous projects; competitively bid contracts for public works services, including disposal of solid waste, recycling, and special collections for state-banned hazardous products; and manage the Hartwell Venue Compost Facility (HACF), snow plowing, street lighting, transportation, and parking programs.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Director continued to participate in the Northeast Homeland Security Council, consisting of 89 Massachusetts communities. A regional homeland security plan was developed as well as emergency contingencies. Tabletop exercises and simulated emergency situations have identified where training and resources are needed.
- Provided management and administrative support for the regional HHP facility, including maintenance of the facility, accounting, and analysis of statistics for the eight member towns.
- Continued work on the assessment phase of the APWA accreditation process.

Engineering Division

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll*	\$437,325	\$418,794
Expenses	\$ 48,485	\$ 5,994
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	6	6
Part Time	1	1

ROLE: To provide design, construction, and management services to the DPW, other departments, boards, committees, and the public.

Town Engineer: Vacant from September 2008 to year-end. John Livsey appointed January 5, 2009.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Personnel: Peter M. Chalpin retired from the position of Town Engineer after 38 years of service in the Engineering Division.

Geographic Information System: Staff members continued to play a key role in creation of the Town's Geographic Information System. When complete, GIS will contain maps for water, sewer, drainage, real property parcel data and considerable other information on public facilities.

Online Information: Assessors and water and sewer overlay maps are now available to the public online. This resulted in fewer counter requests for the same data.

Sewer System Inspection and Condition Assessment: Engineering staff and a consultant surveyed 13 miles of sewer easements. More than 26 miles of the Town's 170 miles of sewers are in easements through open space that is difficult to access. Some of these sewer lines may have been in poor condition and in need of maintenance. A concentrated effort is underway to find and fix all deficiencies in the system.

Compliance with Permit for Operation of Drainage System: The division led efforts to assure compliance with the EPA Stormwater permit. This consisted of surveying the system, mapping and inspecting a portion of the drainage outfalls. A stormwater bylaw was passed by Town Meeting and regulations are being drafted.

Project Design and Construction Management: The division continued to design infrastructure improvements and manage construction projects aimed at upgrading infrastructure. A summary of major projects is below. The total value of these projects is \$ 2,798,890.

Contract 06-01 **\$616,900**

Street Resurfacing 1

Contractor: E. H. Perkins, Inc.

Completed resurfacing approximately 8,600 feet of neighborhood and arterial streets.

Contract 08-01 **\$955,500**

Street Resurfacing 2

Contractor P.J. Keating

Completed resurfacing approximately 9,000 feet miles of neighborhood and arterial streets.

Contract 09-33 **\$480,000**

Woburn St Reconstruction

Contractor: J. Marchese

Continued ongoing reconstruction of Woburn Street and installation of new sidewalks.

Contract 08-46 **\$441,000**

Sewer and Water Main Replacement

Contractor: A. Andreassi & Son

Completed construction to renovate or replace water, sewer and storm drains in School Street.

Contract 04-20 **\$19,970**

Police Station UST Cleanup

Contractor: EnviroLogic Consulting Engineers Co., Inc.

Ongoing environmental cleanup

Contract 09-25 **\$196,520**

Center Sidewalk Installation

Contractor : Santorelli Construction, Inc.

Installed 400 feet of wire-cut brick sidewalk in the Town center business district.

Contract 08-36 **\$89,000**

Lake Street Drainage Restoration

Contractor: Ventresca, Inc.

Installed 330 feet of drainage piping and structures in Massachusetts Avenue and Lake Street to remedy drainage problem that adversely impacted neighbors and posed risks to public infrastructure.

- **New Water/Sewer Connection Permits:** Issued 65 permits for new water or sewer services for new and reconstructed homes.
- **Water/Sewer Renewal Permits:** Issued 32 permits for repair or replacement of water or sewer services for existing homes.
- **Street Opening Permits:** Approved and issued 283 permits for opening or occupying the public way to contractors.
- **Property/Utility Records:** Responded to 277 requests for information from citizens, contractors, developers, and

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realtors, a drop from last year due to the availability of data on line.

Highway Division

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$565,261....	\$608,482
Expenses	\$335,689....	\$270,010
PERSONNEL		
Full Time.....	13	13
Seasonal.....	2	2

ROLE: To maintain 126 miles of accepted streets and sidewalks, the drainage system, brooks, and street and traffic signs and signals and to oversee the Road Machinery Division and Snow Removal Operations.

Superintendent: Kevin Cafferty since June 2007.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Street and Sidewalk Repair: Used more than 600 tons of asphalt to maintain roads and sidewalks and to install asphalt curbing. Installed 1,000 feet of formed asphalt curbing and installed or repaired more than 600 feet of hand-formed asphalt curbing to prevent roadside erosion.
- Sidewalk Improvements: Replaced sidewalks and added Handicap Accessible Ramps where possible on sections of Oakland Street, Philip Road, Middleby Road, Wood Street, Lowell Street, Taft Avenue, and Follen Road.
- Storm Drain Maintenance: Repaired and rebuilt more than 40 catch basins.
- Catch Basin Cleaning: Cleaned all 4,766 catch basins.
- Drainage Updates: Installed new drainage on Philip Road under the sidewalk to alleviate winter ice and water problems on a school route.
- Street Sweeping: Performed by Town personnel on a straight-time basis using two Town-owned sweepers. The Town started using the new sweeper purchased last year through the capital budget.
- Traffic Line and Crosswalk Markings: A contractor painted lines in the fall; DPW staff painted crosswalk and parking lines in the spring and summer.
- Traffic Sign Maintenance: Maintained 2,400 traffic control signs and 500 parking meters. All repairs and installations were handled to ensure a timely response to traffic control issues. Staff continued to use the computerized sign-cutting machine to create larger, more-reflective street signs in house.
- Traffic Signal Maintenance: Maintained 10 traffic control signals and 11 additional flashing signals or spotlights. Staff replaced bulbs, and a private contractor performed repairs as needed.
- Highway Drainage Program: DPW crews started a program of cleaning existing drainage pipes with the new Vactor truck purchased last year through the capitol budget. This will prevent flooding in some areas of Town.

- Highway Reorganization: The Highway Division promoted 3 operators to leadmen to allow better use of resources and hired one new laborer to fill a vacancy.

Snow Removal Operations

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$564,390....	\$370,377
Expenses.....	\$1,080,750 ...	\$389,217
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	All DPW	All DPW
	Staff.....	Staff

ROLE: To handle all snowplowing and sanding operations using a balance of DPW staff and private contractors. Thirty-four pieces of Town-owned equipment including 8 sanders and 31 pieces of hired plowing equipment and operators are used.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Lexington experienced 15 snow and ice events during the 2007-2008 winter. Three storms required full plowing operations by Town staff and outside contractors and 6,387 tons of salt were used on the streets.
- Continued to use snow blower attachments on sidewalk tractors to clear approximately 60 miles of sidewalk, with the expectations of a more effective operation.
- During construction of the new DPW Facility, the Town arranged for salt storage at the Mass Highway Department site off Route 2A. This has been a challenge because of the inability to purchase and store large quantities.

Road Machinery Division

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$133,493....	\$125,692
Expenses	\$495,527....	\$546,249
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	4	4

ROLE: To maintain all DPW vehicles in a ready, active status. DPW equipment consists of 160 vehicles ranging from sedans, pickups, and dump trucks to off-road construction equipment, including backhoes, front-end loaders, lawn mowers, and landscaping and lawn maintenance equipment.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The mechanics are currently working in temporary quarters at the cemetery and while the new DPW facility is under construction.
- Many repairs that formerly were done in-house were contracted out this year.
- In winter, rebuilt street sweepers and maintained landscaping equipment.

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- In summer, repaired and painted snowplows and sander bodies and kept highway, public grounds, and water and sewer equipment in operation.
- During the ongoing preventive maintenance program, each vehicle is evaluated and prioritized in the vehicle replacement survey.

Environmental Services

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$140,182*	\$132,387
<i>Expenses</i>	\$2,248,002	\$2,201,791
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	2	2
<i>Part Time</i>	1	1

*Since FY08 Personal Services are appropriated and expended in the Compost Revolving Fund.

ROLE: To manage environmental service programs, including contracted curbside refuse collection and disposal; curbside recycling collection of mixed paper, plastic, glass and metal containers, yard waste, appliances, and drop-off of corrugated cardboard; manage operations of the Minuteman Household Hazardous Products regional facility, including the special collection of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and other electronics; manage operations at the Lexington Composting Facility, including the processing and collection of leaves, yard waste, brush, tree waste, wood chips and other organic materials from contractors, residents, and municipal curbside materials; oversee the provision of composting-related services completed by private contractors; administer the contractor permit program for yard waste and brush; and develop and implement marketing program regarding the sale of various compost/loam products.

Superintendent of Environmental Services: Robert Beaudoin since September 2001

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Refuse and Recyclables Collection Hauling and Contract:** A new 3-year curbside contract was awarded to JRM Hauling & Recycling Services beginning July 1, 2007. Previous curbside collection costs of nearly \$1.55 million in fiscal year 2007 were reduced to \$1.4 million and included substantial program enhancements: Placement of 20 cardboard recycling containers at Lexington public schools, municipal facilities and multi-family condominium complexes; daily rather than once per week curbside collection of household appliances and large metal items; and daily curbside collection of TVs, computer monitors and other electronics rather than special weekend only drop-off collections.
- **Trash Disposal:** Disposed of 8,883 tons of solid waste at the Wheelabrator North Andover Waste-to-Energy Facility. Trash generation decreased 2% in FY08 com-

pared with FY07, resulting in nearly 200 less tons of refuse delivered by Lexington to the disposal facility.

- **Recycling Statistics:** Residents recycled 5,270 tons of glass, metal, plastics, and mixed paper through the curbside and drop-off collection program, an increase of 21 tons from the previous year. A total of nearly 1,800 appliances and 1,600 scrap metal items were collected from Lexington residents through the curbside collection program in FY2008.
- **Medical Waste Collections:** Beginning in April 2008, the Health Department in conjunction with the Department of Public Works offered free drop-off services for Lexington residents of syringes, needles and other related medical wastes. Each year four medical waste collections will be offered to residents: two in the spring and two in the fall.
- **E-Waste Collection:** A one-day drop-off of computer monitors, televisions and electronics that was free to Lexington residents was held at the Lexington High School April 24 – 26, courtesy of an anonymous sponsor. Nearly 350 Lexington residents and 90 non-profit groups and public organizations participated.
- **Metal Garage Recycled:** As part of the demolition of the old Public Works Facility, the reuse of a large metal garage was examined. Although the 25-year-old equipment garage was in fair condition, it was not cost effective to relocate. It was taken down and about 40 tons of low-grade metal sheeting was recycled at no cost to the DPW.
- **Visible Recycling Ban:** Developed new trash and recycling non-compliance stickers for new curbside contractor and continued to implement the visible recycling ban initiated by the Selectmen in 2006.
- **Household Hazardous Product Collection Contract:** Completed 10th year of HHP collections at the Minuteman Regional Facility at Hartwell Avenue. PSC Environmental Services completed first year of the 3-year collection contract.
- **Grants Awarded:** Applied for and received Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) grant for recycling education materials and a Universal Waste Shed located at the Hartwell Avenue Composting Facility for mercury containing devices such as thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent bulbs, button cell batteries and nickel cadmium batteries.
- **Recycling Outreach and Collection:**
 - Redesigned Lexington trash and recycle guidelines flyer and distributed to Lexington residents.
 - As a member of the DEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Lexington Superintendent of Environmental Services is one of the municipal stakeholder representatives participating in the development of a new 10 year Solid Waste Master Plan for the Commonwealth.
 - Provided recycling access for several municipal and civic events including the first “Zero Waste” event at the Bridge School.

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- Continued to collect broken recycle bins from curbside recycling program and diverted from trash disposal.
 - Conducted site visits of area composting, refuse, recycling and hazardous waste processing facilities to assess most cost-effective management options.
 - Collected nearly 1000 pounds of syringes, needles and other items at medical waste collections.
 - Continued participation and support of the Lexington, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington (LABBB) collaborative program to collect ink-jet and toner cartridges from municipal departments. LABBB students have collected thousands of cartridges and sent them to a reprocessing facility.
 - Placed public-space recycling containers in the High School courtyard and at the basketball court.
 - Continued expanded weekday and weekend spring /fall hours of operation at Lexington Compost Facility.
 - Provided new public recycling event boxes to several civic organizations to recycle beverage containers at annual fairs, festivals, and fundraisers.
 - Provided recycling access, educational materials, and demonstrations at public events including League of Women Voter's Forum, Earth Day Fair, DPW Open House, Discovery Day, Farmer's Market and Patriots' Day Parade.
 - Continued the fluorescent bulb recovery program at municipal buildings and the Minuteman HHP Regional Facility, recycling nearly 4 miles of fluorescent bulbs and receiving nearly \$2,300 in grant funds to subsidize collection costs.
 - Promoted the reuse of construction materials such as kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures, and other building materials on several demolition projects in Lexington, diverting several thousands of dollars of reusable building materials from traditional landfill disposal.
 - **CRT/Electronic Waste Collections:** Starting July 1, 2007 with the new refuse/recycling collection contract with JRM Hauling and Recycling, Lexington residents could schedule curbside pick-up of TVs, computer monitors and other miscellaneous electronics rather than bringing these items to three annual special collections. With the construction of the new DPW facility at 201 Bedford Street and with increasing activity at the Lexington Composting Facility at Hartwell Avenue it was an ideal time to implement curbside collection of these items. In FY08 106,000 pounds of electronic waste were collected from Lexington residents and from several municipal departments in the new program. Since 2000 Lexington has diverted more than 1.1 million pounds of CRTs and electronic waste from disposal.
 - **Curbside Yard Waste Collections:** State DEP regulations prohibit yard waste from being disposed of with trash. The 12 curbside yard waste collections provided in FY08 diverted yard waste from municipal solid waste. Approximately 1000 tons of yard waste including Christmas trees was collected and brought to the Composting Facility, saving the Town approximately \$25,000 dollars in avoided disposal costs and providing a valuable resource that was sold as finished products to contractors.
 - **Lexington Composting Facility:** One full-time and one seasonal employee operate the composting program at the Hartwell Avenue Recycling Facility, with assistance from other DPW personnel and three private contractors. Residents and private contractors delivered an estimated 60,000 cubic yards of yard waste—leaves, brush, and grass clippings. The rich composted material continued to be available for residential use, for sale to contractors, and for use in public grounds. In FY08, the yard waste permit and punch card programs for contractors generated \$111,000 in revenue, a 10% increase over FY07.
 - **Comprehensive Composting Program:** Initiated or continued several activities to assess the value and improve operations at the Lexington Composting Facility.
 - Expanded finished product areas for (gravel, bark mulch, and excavate materials) for DPW department storage; developed parking area and located temporary trailers for DPW personnel; improved compost drop-off and processing areas to more effectively manage incoming residential, commercial, and curbside yard waste materials; and planned residential drop-off area for scrap metal and a Universal Waste shed for mercury bearing items.
 - Completed fourth year of an agreement with the Town of Arlington to accept their curbside yard waste. The disposal of approximately 10,000 tons of yard waste and Christmas trees resulted in \$175,000 in payments to Lexington.
 - Marketed a variety of loam and compost products to local landscape companies, resulting in nearly \$125,000 deposited into the Town's compost-product revolving account.
 - All compost facility activity generated \$281,643 in revenue while expenses totaled \$241,022 for FY08.
 - **Hazardous Products Collections:** In 2008 PSC Environmental completed the first year of a 3-year collection and disposal services contract at the Minuteman HHP Regional Facility to conduct eight annual events. Residents from nearly 45 communities participated in removing hazardous products from the waste stream. The Boards of Health, Public Works Departments, and community volunteers from the eight host communities combined to manage collections at the site. Of the 2,869 cars that participated in collections during FY08, 897 vehicles, or nearly 31%, were from Lexington.
- In an effort to provide comprehensive curbside collection of solid waste and recycling, the Town continued to examine and implement the most cost-effective methods that facilitate the recovery of recyclables and mitigate the collection of

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trash and thereby provide long-term environmental and economic benefits to its citizenry.

Public Grounds

The Parks, Forestry, and Cemetery Divisions and the Street Light Maintenance Program are consolidated under the supervision of the Public Grounds Superintendent. Each division will be reported on separately.

Superintendent: David Pinsonneault since October 2000.

Parks Division

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$647,294....	\$655,459
Expenses	\$126,946....	\$119,756
PERSONNEL		
Full Time.....	15	15

ROLE: To maintain and care for more than 600 acres of Town, school, and recreation lands. Areas maintained include athletic fields, public grounds, playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, trails, rights-of-way, bike path, pool, and reservoir complexes. To assist the Conservation Division, Recreation Department, School Department, youth groups and various other committees with special requests and projects and with various special Town events throughout the year.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Playgrounds and Parks: Performed day-to-day and start-up/closeout maintenance at the pool complex; transported supplies and equipment for various departments and user groups; assisted with spring, summer and fall maintenance at the Old Reservoir, including adding and grading sand; performed playground inspections and repaired various playground deficiencies, including surfacing and swings; repaired numerous basketball and tennis nets; performed maintenance at the skateboard park; performed landscape improvements and spring and fall cleanups at various Town sites.
- Athletic Fields: Renovated the Fiske baseball field infield and both ballfields at Bridge as a coordinated effort with Lexington Little League, Lexington School Athletics, the Recreation Department and a general contractor; added the Center Track field and the Harrington Soccer field to the turf management program; renovated infields at various baseball and softball fields throughout Town; performed daily ball field maintenance during the playing seasons; performed synthetic field maintenance at Lincoln Park; performed turf, drainage, and site amenity repairs to various soccer fields and ball fields; over-seeded, fertilized, and limed athletic fields as per the turf maintenance program and field type and use; performed athletic field layout for school, youth, adult, and Recreation programs on an overtime basis and performed athletic field line paint-

ing during the spring and fall seasons; constructed and repaired benches; repaired bleachers, backstops, and fencing; transported goals and nets for various sports activities and user groups.

- Park Maintenance: Coordinated the turf maintenance program, which included aeration, overseeding, topdressing, irrigation, and incorporation of integrated pest management; emptied the recycling barrels at various locations; installed new benches and repaired benches at various locations; painted, repaired, installed, and constructed picnic tables trash receptacles and bike racks throughout the Town's park system; performed trash pickup at designated sites; maintained the Minuteman Bikeway; performed mowing and maintained site amenities, drinking fountains, and irrigation systems in designated areas; performed maintenance at the Town's basketball and tennis courts; performed rough-cut mowing at conservation areas and roadsides on a limited basis; performed maintenance on traffic islands on a limited basis in coordination with the Lexington Field and Garden Club; assisted with various special events including Patriots' Day, parades, and Chamber of Commerce events; maintained planting beds to include weeding, pruning and planting of flowers and shrubs; coordinated the repainting of the flagpole on the Common; assisted with the Teak Bench Program providing oversight, installation and repairs; performed other requests for service from other Town departments, boards, commissions, and the general public; and assisted the Engineering, Water/Sewer, Highway, Forestry, and Cemetery Divisions with various projects.

Forestry Division

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$182,788....	\$172,305
Expenses	\$ 36,613....	\$ 42,685
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	4	4

ROLE: To care for and preserve all woody plant vegetation in parks, along streets, and in all public properties, with the highest priority given to emergencies; to provide direct support to cemetery operations on an as-needed basis; to maintain approximately 10,000 street trees and all shrub plantings and trees in parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, traffic islands, public right-of-ways, conservation land, recreation land, and school property; to maintain 3,343 streetlights; and to assist other departments and groups with aerial-lift services.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- General Tree Care: Staff responded to more than 300 requests for service; pruned trees at the cemeteries, schools, conservation areas, recreation areas (including the Pine Meadows Golf Course), public grounds areas, and other locations within the public right-of-way as part

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of an ongoing preventive maintenance program. Responded to requests for clearing foliage-obstructed streetlights signs and intersections to improve visibility; cleared downed trees and limbs after snow, ice, rain, and wind storms. Cut back encroaching trees and shrubs along the Minuteman Bike Path and other Town right-of-ways. Watered trees as resources permitted; treated 14 trees for pests and disease control and inspected Precinct 1 for hazardous trees as part of a proactive yearly initiative to address hazardous conditions before damage or injury occurs.

- **Administration:** All four employees recertified their Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP) designation. Provided oversight of the Tree Bylaw, of which 623 sites have been reviewed since October 2001. Of these sites, 478 have been closed out. A total of 764 trees have been approved for removal, with 533 removed to date. A total of 1,844 new trees are required to be planted, with 1,171 planted to-date. Staff also attended various educational workshops.
- **Tree Pruning:** Pruned 57 trees to remove hazards and improve health, structure, shape, and aesthetics.
- **Tree Removal:** Removed 131 dead, diseased, damaged, or otherwise hazardous trees. The majority of the removals were elm, ash, and maple trees. Ground 24 stumps, added loam to grade, and seeded the removal sites, where possible.
- **Planting:** Planted 60 trees, including the Arbor Day tree at Belfry Hill; a second commemorative tree at Lincoln Park and a commemorative tree behind the Buckman Tavern; and trees at various public grounds and right-of-way locations throughout Town. The trees were funded through local donations (LFGC Grant), private funding sources, Town Meeting Article and the program budget. The trees were planted by Town Staff and outside contractors.
- **Tree Nursery:** Assisted the Tree Committee with the maintenance of the tree nursery. In 2008, approximately 110 saplings were planted for future use as street trees. The total number of saplings in the nursery exceeds 200.
- **Pest Control:** Treated for bees and wasps, as needed, at various locations.
- **Streetlights:** Inspected and replaced bulbs and sensors on Town-owned streetlights.
- **Other Projects:** Installed and removed holiday lighting throughout the Town center; repaired overhead traffic lights as needed; chipped more than 3,000 Christmas trees; installed and removed voting banners; assisted with the Arbor Day ceremony; provided on-going assistance to the Cemetery and Park Divisions throughout the season; and assisted other Town departments with aerial-lift services. Staff applied for and received the 2007 Tree City USA Award, marking the 19th year in the program. Staff assisted with coordination of the Tree Inventory Grant.

Cemetery Division

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$195,795	\$195,193
<i>Expenses</i>	\$63,494	\$56,494
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	4	4
<i>Seasonal</i>	2	0

ROLE: To operate and maintain 34 acres of grounds and all buildings and equipment for four cemeteries: Westview, Munroe, Robbins, and Colonial. To serve the bereaved in a professional manner.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Assisted with and prepared cemeteries for special events, such as installing flags, spring/fall cleanup.
- Operated and maintained the irrigation system at Westview Cemetery to promote better turf quality.
- Coordinated with the contractor for turf maintenance services, including fertilizing and integrated pest management at Westview Cemetery.
- A monument conservator completed repairs to various tabletop markers at Colonial Cemetery, as identified in an assessment report. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funded this.
- Hired a consultant and a monument conservator to begin restoration work for repair, upkeep and conservation of the grave markers at Colonial Cemetery, Robbins Cemetery and Munroe Cemetery. Received CPC funding to complete this task over a 2-year period.
- In FY08 handled 265 burials (interments and cremations) in Westview Cemetery and 6 interments in Munroe Cemetery. Staff dug and backfilled graves, set stones, loamed and seeded graves. Staff also performed trash removal, installation and repair of benches, fence repairs, landscape maintenance, sign maintenance and building maintenance.
- In FY08 at Westview Cemetery, 56 new lots were sold, with the revenue split between the Town (45%) and the Perpetual Care Trust (55%). A total of 82 foundations for flush markers were approved and set. Four markers were removed and replaced.
- In addition to purchasing directly from the Town, grave boxes and burial vaults may be purchased from and installed by outside vendors for an inspection fee. The Town sold 69 grave boxes (100% of the total installed) and 36 burial vaults (58% of the total installed). Inspection fees were collected for 26 burial vaults, which outside contractors provided and installed.
- Revolving Fund Expense for grave boxes and burial vaults totaled \$24,280 while revenue was \$42,430.
- In FY08 Revenue collections totaled \$253,696 (includes \$35,112 transferred to the Perpetual Care Trust).

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Street Light Maintenance Program

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll	\$15,500	\$20,500
Expenses	\$302,136	\$293,298

ROLE: To proactively maintain a cost-effective lighting system that enhances public safety along Lexington roadways while considering all characteristics of light-source quality.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Town employees maintained 3,343 streetlights since March 2000. Members of the Forestry Division inspect and change photo-sensor cells and light bulbs. Service calls are scheduled on an overtime basis as weather permits. Calls are processed in the order they are received or are prioritized according to whether they require an emergency repair because of safety concerns. If the repair requires more technical expertise involving wiring or replacement of fixtures and heads, an electrical contractor is dispatched to resolve the problem.
- A total of 1101 outages were reported to the call center in 2008, of which Town staff inspected 1036; Town staff repaired 944 lights and the electrical contractor repaired 92 lights with 65 calls remaining unresolved as of December 12. The response time for Town staff inspection and repair of lights is between 14 to 21 days. The electrical contractor response for repairs is about 14 to 21 days after the initial inspections by Town staff.
- A program was initiated in 2007 to replace 1,000 inefficient incandescent light bulbs with new energy-efficient compact florescent bulbs. A total of 733 of these test lights have been installed to date.
- The Forestry Division staff successfully completed their Electrical Hazard Awareness Program renewal.

Transportation Services

The Lexpress and Parking Operations are consolidated under the supervision of the Transportation Coordinator.

Transportation Coordinator: Gail Wagner since May 2001.

Lexpress

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll	\$39,041	\$73,838
Expenses	\$378,138	\$424,264
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	5	1
Part Time	1	1

ROLE: To oversee all aspects of the operation of LEXPRESS, including customer service, schedules, routes, contract monitoring, MBTA grant administration, marketing, ridership, and fare collection activities.

The Transportation Advisory Committee advises the Transportation Coordinator on all matters related to the operation of LEXPRESS and transportation demand management.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Sara Arnold, Co-Chair William Levison, Sally Castleman, Elaine Dratch, Francine Steiglitz. Selectmen Liaison Hank Manz. Student representative Danny Moraff.

Lifetime honorary member Donald Graham.

HIGHLIGHTS:

LEXPRESS Bus Service. LEXPRESS is in its 29th year of service as a neighborhood fixed-route system. It operates a three-bus, six-route system. LEXPRESS connects residential neighborhoods and outlying business areas with Lexington center, schools, recreation facilities, shopping areas, and the Senior Center. One route also serves the Burlington Mall and Middlesex Commons in Burlington. Buses operate Monday through Friday 6:45 a.m. to 6:25 p.m., September through June, and 7:00 a.m. to 6:25 p.m., July and August. There is no service on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays.

- LEXPRESS passengers consisted of 62% students, 23% adults, 12% senior citizens, and 3% children under six.

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Transportation Advisory Committee. Front Row: Francine Stieglitz, Danny Moraff, Student Representative, William Levison Co-Chair; Middle Row: Gail Wagner, Elaine Dratch, Sally Castleman; Back Row, Richard Canale, Hank Manz, Selectmen Liaison, Sara Arnold, Co-Chair.

- Ridership increased 8%; revenues were up by 21%.
- Performance reliability remained at 99.9% based on the measure of completed routes and scheduled hours.
- LEXPRESS passes were provided at no cost to 29 residents upon referral from Social Services
- Joseph's Limousine & Transportation of Medford completed its first year of a 3-year contract. Joseph's is contracted to operate a fleet of four Ford ElDorado Aerotech 240 vehicles built in 2007. Each bus has a capacity to seat 20, is fully accessible for persons with special needs, and is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The LEXPRESS transit guide is updated annually and mailed to residents. It is also available at public facilities and online at www.lexpress.us. Fares can be paid in cash, with tickets, or by monthly/annual passes. Reduced rates are in effect for seniors, persons with special needs, and children under six. In addition to fares and an annual appropriation by Town Meeting, LEXPRESS is funded by an annual grant from the MBTA and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) funds.
- LEXPRESS connects to the MBTA, Burlington B-Line, and Lowell Regional Transit.
- Expense line above includes expenses funded by income from other sources. The tax levy portion for FY08 was \$278,055.
- Since the coordinator and part-time clerk split their time between Lexpress and Parking Operation, FY08 salaries were split to accurately reflect allocation of staff time. Previously, Lexpress and Parking Operation administration salaries were funded totally through the Lexpress budget.
- Donald Graham was appointed by the Selectmen as a lifetime honorary member of the Transportation Advisory Committee for his many years of service to this committee.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM): Under the terms of their TDM programs, the Hayden Medical Center, the Hayden Corporate Center, and the Lexington Technology Park and Met State/Avalon make annual contributions to LEXPRESS. In FY08, a one-time TDM payment of \$200,000 was received from Starwood Hotels related to redevelopment at 727 Marrett Road, Transportation Advisory Committee actively promotes TDM programs for other corporations to reduce dependence on private automobiles by providing transportation alternatives, including funding LEXPRESS.

Traffic Safety Advisory Support: The Transportation Coordinator is a staff liaison to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Traffic Mitigation Group: The Coordinator is also a staff liaison to the Traffic Mitigation Group.

Parking Operation

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$92,189	\$52,485
<i>Expenses</i>	\$30,272	\$24,120
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	5	0
<i>Part Time</i>	8	7

ROLE: To provide a balance of short- and long-term parking for center visitors and employees by managing the Town's permit and attended parking programs, including a 300-car attended lot in Depot Square, three permitted areas, and the employee parking lot behind the Town Hall complex. Part-time employees operate the attended lot.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- As of FY08, the budget reflects one-half of the administrative costs provided by a full-time coordinator and part-time clerk. Previously, administrative salaries for Parking Operation were funded in the Lexpress budget.
- Depot Square lot is attended weekdays year-round and Saturdays from April through mid-November from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The capacity of the lot can be increased during busy times by stacking as many as 60 additional cars in the aisles.
- 200 annual permits were sold to center business employees who park in the Depot Square, Church of Our Redeemer or Town Hall Complex lots.
- The 500 parking meters are posted for various time limits from 30 minutes to 4 hours throughout the Center to encourage short-term parking and turnover. The Police Department oversees the revenue collection, enforcement, and maintenance of meter heads.
- FY08 revenue was as follows:

Parking Meters	\$182,868
Attended Lot	\$141,977
Parking Permits	\$47,106
Total Parking Revenue	\$371,951

Water/Sewer Divisions

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$ 798,543	\$ 798,514
<i>Expenses</i>	\$10,578,007	\$10,819,467
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	14	15
<i>Part Time</i>	1	0
<i>Seasonal</i>	1	0

ROLE: To serve the needs and concerns of its customers, sustain quality drinking water, and provide for the safe and

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proper discharge of wastewater by maintaining the Town's complete water and sewer infrastructure and implementing various service programs.

Superintendent: Dennis Meehan since January 2004

The infrastructure consists of 158 miles of water main, two water towers with total capacity of 3.1 million gallons, 1,500 fire hydrants, 3,400 street and hydrant control valves, and approximately 12,500 residential service line control valves located on property lines. Four main water transmission lines from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) serve Lexington: a 16-inch main at Summer Street, a 16-inch main on Massachusetts Avenue in East Lexington, a 12-inch main on Watertown Street, and a 24-inch main on Concord Avenue. The MWRA supplies Lexington with approximately 2 billion gallons of water annually.

The sewer system has 120 miles of sewer main, 34 miles of trunk-line sewer main, and 10 sewer pump stations, including the main pump station at Route 128 and Bedford Street, and 600 sewer manholes. The Town also pays the MWRA to treat and dispose of the Town's sewage.

The department is divided into four sections: water distribution; meter reading and billing, sewer maintenance, and construction. Employees are cross-trained to perform all divisional functions and also participate in snow removal operations.

Water Distribution Section responds to service calls from residents, repairs curb and water control boxes, reads and installs water meters, takes water samples, performs hydrant maintenance, and maintains and updates the water control valve locations, oversees the cross-connection control program, investigates all water bill complaints, marks out services for contractors and utility companies, and assists the Engineering and other DPW Divisions.

Water is tested weekly for coliform and other bacterial organisms at nine sampling locations for a total of 45 samples; all samples testing negative. Sampling is also done twice annually at selected locations to test for lead and copper; Lexington has passed the last three test period results for these metals. Because of this, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has dropped the requirement that Lexington replace 7% of our "suspected" lead services every year. The Department will continue to excavate those services that are suspected of having a problem, whether due to missing information or the time frame in which they were built.

Leak detection was completed in 2008 using the Correlation Method; only two leaks were discovered and were repaired immediately; they were allowing an estimated loss of 33,120 gallons per day, which is a 17% reduction from 2006. This biannual operation is scheduled again for spring 2010.

Meter Reading and Billing Section is responsible for reading water meters and managing the billing system. A new utility manager position was created in 2005 under the Finance

Director to oversee the billing process and handle problems and complaints about adjustments due to estimated water bills. Since 2005 there has been a 52% reduction in adjustments in this area. The installation of new electronic read meters has also contributed to more accurate billing. Work continues in this area to eliminate estimated reads.

Sewer Maintenance Section maintains the sewer system of 154 miles of pipe and 10 pump stations, implements the sewer main flushing program, and manages the pump station maintenance program to ensure the safe and proper discharge of wastewater. Staff is also available to identify any electrical problems with relay or pressure switches. They also assist the Highway Division with clearing storm drain blockages with the use of the Department's vacuum truck.

Construction Section is responsible for the lead water service replacement program, installing new mainline and service line control valves where needed, and replacing defective control valves. They also oversee replacements of hydrants, sewer mains and services, and repair water system and sewer system leaks.

Employees attended training seminars on cross-connection control, MWRA procedures for drinking water sampling, hydrant maintenance, and courses relating to the state certification exams. Seven employees are state-certified Drinking Water Facility Operators; one is Grade 4, three are Grade 3, one is Grade 2, and two are Grade 1. Two employees are state-certified backflow testers, and four are cross-connection surveyors.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- For the third year in a row Lexington's water and sewer system was recognized with a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection award. Winning systems were determined based on their compliance with state drinking water regulations. The award winners had no monitoring enforcements or violations, submitted all required reports on time, adhered to good water management procedures and have excellent source protection standards.
- The MWRA provided Debt Service Assistance totaling \$278,964. Since 1994, the Town has received \$6,472,870 in Debt Service Assistance.
- The policy that allows installation of a second meter for outdoor watering was instituted 13 years ago. Water consumed through this meter is charged only at the water rate. To date, 2,776 irrigation meters have been installed. The rate paid for this water was adjusted to the maximum rate to more accurately reflect its cost and provide fairness to all ratepayers.
- The contract to replace old, non-remote readable meters with ones that are electronically read has been completed.
- As a result of an accelerated 3-year program to repair and maintain the Town's fire hydrants, 682 of the hydrants

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were addressed this year. This is an on-going program that will continue until all Town hydrants have been evaluated and repaired or replaced.

- A program to assess and upgrade all the sewer pump stations began in 2008. The main pump station and the motors have been seal-coated and painted. The North Street, Marshall Road, Potter's Pond and Concord Avenue stations have been seal-coated. The electrical boxes and all wiring have been replaced in the North Street and Marshall Road stations.
- Both water storage tanks on Morgan Road passed inspection after they were inspected and televised to insure the integrity of the tanks.
- Assisted the Engineering Division with the road-resurfacing project by providing mark-outs, materials, and emergency service.
- Responded to emergency water and sewer repairs day and night, keeping service interruptions to a minimum. ■

Repair and Replacements

Water main breaks repaired.....	19
Water service leaks repaired.....	6
Hydrants repaired	207
Hydrants replaced	22
Service control valves repaired.....	42
Street control valves repaired.....	5
Water services renewed	28
Sewer services replaced	18
Sewer services camera televised	32
Sewer main blockages repaired	19
Sewer service blockages repaired	13
Sewer manholes repaired.....	36
Sewer mains flushed and cleaned.....	86,240 feet
Storm drains flushed and cleaned	550 feet

New Installations

Outdoor watering meters.....	117
Water meters	250
Water services	17
Sewer services	17

Lexington Tree Committee

ROLE: To promote the preservation and protection of both public shade trees pursuant to General Law Chapter 87 and certain trees on portions of private property; to work in conjunction with the Tree Warden to regulate the removal and replacement of trees in certain circumstances; to promote the planting and protection of trees throughout the Town; to develop rules, regulations, tree inventory, manuals, and other data as stated in the Lexington Tree Bylaw for approval and promulgation by the Selectmen.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for 3-year overlapping terms: Chair John Frey, Jewel Kuljian, Karen Longeteig, Gerald Paul, Anne Senning, Nell Walker, James Wood; Selectmen liaison Jeanne Krieger; Tree Warden David Pinsonneault. Markus Pinney's resignation was noted with appreciation for his service to the Committee. Jewel Kuljian was appointed by the Selectmen to replace him. Susan Solomon, though no longer a member, is continuing to contribute her time and effort for Tree Committee initiatives.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tree Planting: 143 new trees planted on public land in Town this year:
 - Nine trees donated by the Lexington Field and Garden Club (LFGC) under a \$1500 grant and planted by the DPW Forestry Division (six Sourwood trees on Meriam

Street flanking the municipal parking lot, one Star Magnolia at the library and two Yellowwoods at Belfry Park along Clarke Street).

- One Cully River Birch at Belfry Park along Clarke Street planted by the Forestry Division as part of the annual Arbor Day ceremony, staged by Civic Improvement Committee of the LFGC, who also bought and distributed 500 White Spruce tree seedlings to participants and all kindergarteners in Town.
- Three trees donated by East Lexington Community Association planted by the Forestry Division (two Lacebark Elms at Robbins Cemetery and one Red Maple at Sacred Heart Church bus stop on Massachusetts Avenue)
- Five trees (four Red Maples and one Dogwood) planted at the High School; three donated by the Class of '58, two by the High School PTSA Landscape Subcommittee. The Forestry Division assisted with digging as needed.
- Two Commemorative Trees, the fifth and sixth installation in the Tree Committee's Commemorative Tree Program, planted by the Forestry Division; a Tulip Tree donated by Sandra Mayo planted in Lincoln Park in

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memory of her grandmother, and a Red Maple donated by the Haus family planted behind Buckman Tavern in honor of Elinore Haus.

- Nine trees planted as part of the new constructed brick sidewalk on Massachusetts Avenue from Michelson's shoe store to Cary Library in structural soil 3 feet deep with surface and underground drain system (five Silver Lindens and four Green Ash). These replaced mature Callery Pear trees and Lindens. This construction and planting is an extension of work done last year east of Michelson's.
- One large London Plane Tree donated and planted by Matt Foti in the planting strip on Massachusetts Avenue in front of the Hancock Church.
- 35 trees paid for by some of the \$24,000 appropriated by Town Meeting in spring 2008. Silver Lindens, Green Ash, London Planes, Honeylocusts and Lacebark Elms supplied by Nursery Services Inc, planted by Waverly Landscape Associates on Massachusetts Avenue, Worthen Road and Waltham Street. The remaining trees under the appropriation will be planted in spring 2009 because their species have a better survival rate if transplanted in the spring.
- 78 trees in Lincoln Park financed by the Kirk Fund and planted by Weston Nurseries, including Dawn Redwood, Tupelo, Swamp White Oak, Sweet Bay Magnolia, Schubert Cherry, Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, Sourwood, Serviceberry, White Pine and River Birch.
- The DPW Forestry Division removed 131 trees and pruned 57 trees in 2008.
- Tree Bylaw: Under David Pinsonneault's lead, reviewed permit applications for tree removal on private land. Since October 1, 2001, a total of 623 sites have been visited — 478 sites have been closed out and 764 trees were approved for removal, of which 533 have been removed to-date. As mitigation, 1844 new trees required to be planted of which 1171 now planted. Pursuant to Town Meeting action this year, the Selectmen set the tree removal application fee at \$10 per DBH inch. \$6,030 collected in fees from August 4, 2008 to December 4, 2008 goes to the General Fund of the Town.
- New Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Grants: Submitted a DCR \$11,700 grant proposal in April 25 to fund summer interns to continue Lexington's tree inventory in 2008. The grant was awarded by DCR, but the amount was cut back to \$7,200. Two interns from Clark University were hired.

Also submitted a DCR \$16,171 grant proposal October 2008 for 2009 summer interns and tree planting on Fletcher Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue and Grant Street to replace hazardous trees removed. Award pending.

- Tree Inventory: The Committee, two talented summer interns from Clark University, Blaize Denfield, Jonathan Penney and volunteers inventoried over 1300 more trees with hand-held computers, bringing the total to 4017 trees inventoried since 2004, almost 40% of Lexington's public trees. They also located 79 potential sites where new street trees might be planted, which information was used by the Tree Warden and Tree Committee to plant trees using funds approved at the spring 2008 Town Meeting
- Tree Nursery: 120 more saplings were planted on May 10 in special tree planting bags in the ground by Friends of Trees, Tree Committee members, other volunteers and several men of the Forestry Division. Watering was monitored all summer again by neighbor Barbara Kent, a member of Friends of Trees Board. All participated in a maintenance day November 17 clearing vegetation away from the base of trees and installing plastic rodent protectors on the tree trunks.
- CPA Grant: 2008 Town Meeting approved the Tree Committee's application for a \$9,850 grant for Belfry Hill Tree Restoration based on 2006 tree inventory. Removal of Norway Maples started December 2008.
- Tree Revolving Fund: December 18, 2008 balance \$4,648.32.
- Tree City USA: Award received again this year, the nineteenth Tree City USA Award for the Town.
- Tree Management Manual: Five Tree Committee members worked on the second edition for publication in 2009.
- Friends of Trees: Gave extensive help on the tree farm again this year, coordinated the Commemorative Tree Program, led bittersweet eradication and other important projects.
- Community Outreach:
 - Tree Committee website launched in October hosted by and linked to the Town's official website, thanks to Karen Longeteig efforts. It contains announcements of upcoming events, news and photos of committee activities, texts of past "Tree Talk" articles, and links to the Tree Bylaw and Tree Management Manual. It can be reached at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/committees/tree.cfm>
 - Several pertinent articles published, including two by Anne Senning in Citizens for Lexington Conservation newsletters, one each by Anne, Karen Longeteig and Jewel Kulijan in the The Lexington Minuteman newspaper, and the one by Jewel in the Lexington's Colonial Times Magazine.
 - Farmer's Market (Green Way) booth manned by four Tree Committee members July 8 with info handouts.
 - Wrote Representative Ed Markey urging him to cosponsor H.R. 5867, The Energy Conservation Through Trees Act to establish a grant program within the Department of Energy. ■

Sidewalk Committee

ROLE: To advise the Board of Selectmen on sidewalk policies and on the condition of sidewalks and contiguous walking paths in Lexington. The committee seeks broad citizen input and support in developing strategies for improving existing sidewalks and for building new sidewalks where critical interconnections are needed with existing walking routes throughout Town. The committee also advises on the placement of crosswalks and signs and on policies for snow removal and brush clearing along sidewalks, which will help residents to work in conjunction with Town service providers to keep public walkways open year-round.

The 3-year term rotation plan for committee appointments took effect in September 2008 with one third of the membership to be elected or reappointed for 3-year terms each successive year. Jerry Van Hook currently serves as Chairman. Other committee officers are Sue-Ellen Briggs as vice-chair, Judy Crocker as coordinator of the Safe Routes to School program for all schools, Francine Stieglitz representing the Disabilities Commission and acting as manager of the citizen's correspondence log, and Lucy Fletcher-Jones the website manager. Other members are Susanne Barry, Laura Cecere, John Davies,

Sarah Chamberlain, Olga Gutttag, and Margaret Lotz. Liaisons to the committee are Jeanne Krieger (Selectmen), Richard Canale (Planning Board), Elaine Celi (School Transportation), Wayne Brooks (DPW), Gail Wagner (TSAC), and Sharon McKenzie (Board of Health). Marianne Lazarus resigned from the committee in 2008.

OVERVIEW: The committee continued its emphasis on improving walking conditions for students in school neighborhoods and for the general public along the major roadways throughout Town. This includes working with the DPW on strategies for snow removal on sidewalks and school access paths and the clearing of encroaching tree branches and underbrush along public ways. In Lexington Center the committee plays a more supportive and indirect role on pedestrian issues than elsewhere in Town, working in collaboration with other committees to achieve objectives. The committee also plays a secondary role with paths through open space and recreation areas in Town, targeting improvements in walking conditions to reach these areas.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Working with PTA, school administration, and neighborhood groups in the two remaining elementary school districts, the Sidewalk Committee now has priority listings of sidewalk and footpath projects from all of the elementary schools in Town. We have begun the process of selecting projects within this list, which can be accomplished within the funding constraints of the yearly allocation for sidewalks and school access paths.

- The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, coordinated by Judy Crocker, has had notable success in reducing the number private vehicle trips bringing students to and from school. Success is largely due to the competition within and between schools to increase the numbers of those relying primarily on walking.
- With encouragement from the committee, the Lexington DPW has been expanding the number of sidewalks being snow plowed in school neighborhoods. This is due in part to new and more efficient sidewalk plows and in part to ongoing repairs to sidewalks, which speed the process. New additions to the list of streets currently being plowed, such as Eldred and Grove streets in the Estabrook school neighborhood, for example, were made possible by these gains in snow removal efficiency.
- New sidewalks, although much more expensive than repairs to existing sidewalks and often contentious in dense neighborhood settings, are nevertheless sometimes essential for the safety of walking students.

One such example the committee dealt with in 2008 was the issue of a new sidewalk on Roosevelt Road in the Hastings school neighborhood. In response to neighborhood concerns about placement of the sidewalk, the Sidewalk Committee held a public meeting at the school and heard arguments expressed by the abutters. Although all issues were not completely resolved, there was consensus that a sidewalk is needed, whichever side of the road is finally chosen.

- The committee debated whether to support or to seek amendments on a warrant article submitted in Town meeting which would require all residents to have the snow removed from the sidewalks adjacent to their properties within certain time limits after each storm. Although agreeing with the premise of individual responsibility for the public good, the committee offered several amendments to the warrant. These changes were not acceptable to the presenter who decided to go ahead on her own.
- Prepared data for the DPW presentation at Town Meeting showing which sidewalk projects on the committee Master List had been completed by Town engineering and whether this justified the actual expenditure of \$275K budgeted for the '07-'08 fiscal year.
- Worked with the Town Facilities Director on the contractor design criteria for a pedestrian/bicycle ramp near Fiske school. The ramp will be ADA compliant and will accommodate wheeled vehicles such as bicycles and strollers. A second, smaller ramp at Fiske, also ADA compliant is planned as well.
- Heard arguments presented by a group of Fiske residents for a short footpath from Colony Road to Fiske school via a development called Wisteria Lane, using an easement through private property. The proposal did not succeed. ■

Energy Conservation Committee



(Courtesy Photo)

In picture: Roger Borghesani, Tom Griffiths, Chris Haines, Bill Hadley (DPW Director), Shawn Newell (DPF Assistant Director), Paul Chernick, Steve Kropper (Chairman). Missing: Hank Manz, Pat Goddard (DPF Director), Myla Kabat-Zinn, Alessandro Alessandrini, Keith Ohmart, and Sergei Shmatko.

ROLE: To advise the Department of Public Facilities (DPF), the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) on how to reduce energy use and costs.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Steve Kropper, Christopher Haines, Myla Kabat-Zinn, Alessandro Alessandrini, Paul Chernick, DPW liaison, Bill Hadley, Selectmen liaison, Hank Manz, Tom Griffiths, Keith Ohmart, Planning Board Liaison Tony Galaitis, Lexington Public Facilities Director Pat Goddard, Assistant PF Director Shawn Newell, Roger Borghesani (ex officio) and Sergei Shmatko, pipeline analyst.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Lexington has followed through with several energy-related projects from last year. The new DPW building is about 80% complete. Clarke Middle School was converted from all electric heat to a gas-fired hot water system using high efficiency condensing boilers; forecasted savings are \$85,000 per year. The shift at Clarke will save money and reduce the energy required at the source electric power plants. This will cut regional carbon emissions through less electricity usage. Remote building monitoring was implemented at Fiske and Harrington. All schools with steam heat have had their steam traps replaced at this point. At Lexington High School, auditorium ventilation is now driven by demand, not just a timer, and the gym and field house lighting projects are complete. The PFD and an outside engineering firm briefed the ECC on the Lexington High School HVAC Master Plan to upgrade the school's controls and equipment for more reliable and efficient operation.

- Pat Goddard and Shawn Newell of the PFD expanded monthly reporting to major buildings covering natural gas, oil and electricity usage. The top ten electric meters in Town comprise 89% of usage.
- The DPW continued street light bulb replacement to reduce energy costs and bulb replacement labor for the Town. 670 incandescent bulbs were replaced, and an additional 400 were ordered. Once completed, annual savings are estimated to exceed \$37,000.
- The ECC recommended and the Board of Selectmen adopted a 5-year target to reduce Town government BTU consumption by 20%. The baseline is 2008 unit usage plus the usage forecasted in the design documents for the new DPW building. The ECC will issue a quarterly report on progress toward this goal.
- Researched possible locations for the second solar-electric grant awarded by MTC with focus on project visibility, educational benefits and power generation. Tracked utility and State grant programs (i.e., Green Communities Act) for capital funding and rebates that support energy conservation projects.
- The PFD implemented a town-wide preventative maintenance program to make systems more reliable and efficient. The focus has been low- and no-cost programs as the first and best energy investments such as boiler cleaning and efficiency tune ups; mechanical and control calibration; preventive maintenance; re-lamping.
- The ECC depends entirely on Town staff to manage the conservation programs and to carry out the energy saving maintenance and capital planning. We are grateful to Lexington resident, Pat Goddard, Director of the new PFD and to Shawn Newell, Assistant Director. We appreciate Bill Hadley's efforts on the street light re-lamping program. ■



(Courtesy Photo)

Committee member Roger Borghesani at the new Clarke boiler.

Permanent Building Committee

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Project Administration...</i>	\$ 232,981 ..	\$ 224,349
<i>Architects</i>	\$ 464,107* ..	\$ 311,623
<i>Construction</i>	\$7,715,849 ..	\$3,414,233

- Includes: DPW Project, Sr. Center Study and Stone Building Study

ROLE: To provide ongoing expertise and experience in managing the design and construction of all Town-building projects, including hiring of design professionals, obtaining bids, and entering into contracts for design and construction. To work in conjunction with the Director of Public Facilities.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager for 3-year overlapping terms: Chair Jonathan Himmel, Eric Brown, Peter Johnson, Richard Perry, and Carl Oldenburg; DPW liaisons William Kennedy and William Bruckman; two School Committee positions vacant: Council On Aging liaisons Paul Lapointe and Marian Cohen; Library Trustee liaisons Sara Case and Jay Lucker.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Construction of the DPW facility continues on time and money. Scheduled completion is Spring 2009.
- Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype prepared a Senior Center Feasibility Study for the White House site. The report was received in the Summer of 2008
- HKT Architects prepared a Study of the Stone Building. The report was received in Spring of 2008.



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Permanent Building Committee Caption: Eric Brown, DPW Liaison, Richard Perry, Jonathan Himmel, Chair, Peter Johnson, William Kennedy, DPW Liaison, Carl Oldenburg.

- State Treasurer Timothy Cahill presented a ceremonial check to Town representatives gathered at Fiske Elementary School. The check represented Mass School Building Authority support of the Fiske Elementary School project.
- The PBC collaborates with the Lexington Department of Public Facilities (DPF). Patrick Goddard finished his first year as the Town's first Director of Public Facilities. Other DPF employees provided support to the PBC: Alan Miller, Clerk of the Works for the DPW Building Construction, Mark Barrett, DPW Building Project Manager, and Laurie Lucibello, administrative assistant. The Town's former project manager, Bill Kealy, retired.
- The committee conducts regularly scheduled, monthly meetings with additional meetings as necessary.
- Carl Oldenburg rejoined the committee after the completion of the Library. Eric Brown switched from being a DPW liaison to being a full PBC member. ■

Water and Sewer Abatement Board

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll.....</i>	\$0	\$0
PERSONNEL		
<i>Part-time</i>	0	0

ROLE: The duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the receipt of applications from ratepayers for abatement or adjustment of water/sewer charges due to disputes, hardship or error; and, the establishment of policies and procedures to guide said Board in the determination of the amount of any adjustment or abatement of charges. Such determinations shall constitute a recommendation that must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for final approval.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen for staggered 3-year terms: Chair Loren Wood, Maria Constantinides, and Richard Pagett

MEETINGS:

Held 16 Meetings at which 154 abatement applications were considered.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Developed a standard application form to be completed by applicants for abatements.
- Developed policies and procedures for the Board. ■



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L-R: Loren Wood, chair of the Water and Sewer Abatement Board, Richard Pagett Missing; Maria Constantinides.

School Committee

EXPENDITURES:	FY08	FY07
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$68,512,050..</i>	<i>\$63,662,121</i>
<i>Personnel FTEs</i>	<i>851.35</i>	<i>864.51</i>

ROLE: To hire, supervise and evaluate the Superintendent of Schools; to develop school policies; to approve operating and capital budgets for the schools; to advocate for school concerns to other Town officials, boards, and the community; to act as liaison between the School Department and the community; to govern Lexington Public Schools in areas not governed by State or Federal law.

ELECTED to 3-year terms: Chair Helen Cohen (June-December), Vice-Chair Margaret Coppe, Tom Diaz (Chair January-June), Ravi Sakhuja, Rod Cole; 1-year term, Student Representative Gloria Park

Since his appointment by the School Committee on July 1, 2005, Dr. Paul Ash has served as Superintendent of the Lexington Public Schools. He is the chief executive continuing the Schools' tradition of excellent public education. He has built a strong administrative staff, and Lexington students continue to achieve at some of the highest levels in the state by a variety of measures. The entire staff continues to work to improve learning levels for all students.

School Policies

The School Committee is in the process of re-creating a Policy Sub-committee, to organize and update its policies.

Operating Budget

At the end of FY08, the School Department returned to the Town \$1,395,532 in unspent funds. These surplus funds were made possible due to the cost-effectiveness of five new/expanded in-district special education programs. These five-high quality programs and other efforts reduced the number of children educated in out-of-district schools from 111 students to 100.. In addition, the School Department will return to the Town at least \$932,593 in unspent funds, which will be turned over to the Town on July 1, 2009. This money consists of FY07 unspent funds of \$531,579, and FY08 unspent utility funds (\$248,014), unspent special education funds (\$100,000), and unspent funds that had been encumbered for any uncompleted purchases from FY07 (\$53,000). Although the School Committee has still not been able to restore most of the cuts made when the override failed in 2006, the override that

passed in 2007 has made it possible to maintain an excellent school system, and to add staff in a few key areas.

Looking forward to FY10, the School Committee has asked Superintendent Ash to present a level services budget. The Committee will be working with the Board of Selectmen, the Appropriation Committee, and the Capital Expenditures Committee on the impact of the current economic situation (reduced state aid, falling revenue at all levels of government, and widespread uncertainty about the future year) to present a completed proposal to Town Meeting.

The Financial Review Committee continues to work with the Town to seek ways to improve financial structures and practices.

Full-Day Kindergarten

The Committee approved a proposal by the School Administration to seek a grant from the State to help establish full-day kindergarten in Lexington. This effort was led by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Carol Pilarski, building on a plan for full-day kindergarten developed a decade ago but tabled because financing was unavailable. She and several kindergarten teachers made presentations to the School Committee and the public reviewing the research on full-day kindergarten and its benefits. Over the summer, the kindergarten team worked on curriculum and professional development, and the program is now in full swing, with one half-day kindergarten class available. The Committee hopes that, in the future, finances will allow the schools to drop the current fee now charged for full-day kindergarten.

Achievement Gap

Although Lexington students as a whole perform at or near top academic levels in the State, statistics show that some demographic groups are performing at a significantly lower level than the average. A Task Force on the Achievement Gap, appointed by Superintendent Ash and led by now-

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L-R: Ravi K. Sakhuja, School Committee Member; Margaret E. Coppe, School Committee Vice Chair; Helen L. Cohen, School Committee Chair; Paul B. Ash, Superintendent of Schools; Thomas R. Diaz, School Committee Member; Rodney E. Cole, School Committee Member.

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retired teacher and union president Vito LaMura, studied the statistics and presented the results of their research to the School Committee. As a result, the Lexington schools have undertaken steps to reduce this gap, particularly in providing more early intervention in literacy and mathematics focused on the needs of each student. Seventeen staff members (administrators, faculty and guidance personnel) led by Dr. Lynne Sarasin, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, visited the Montgomery County school district in Maryland, which has been highly successful in reducing this kind of gap, and have brought back a number of program ideas as well as inspiration to support Lexington's efforts in this area. A few early statistics show significant improvement for students at all levels.

Special Education

The Student Services Department under Linda Chase has focused on strengthening and expanding the new Special Education programs introduced last year. These programs have allowed a number of students to return to Lexington schools from out-placements. Regular and Special Educators are working collaboratively to improve the experience of all students and to smooth transitions. Better structures have been created to improve the transitions between elementary and middle school, and between middle and high school.

Facilities

As reported last year, the Town and School Departments merged facility operations into one Department under the

direction of Patrick Goddard. This merger has worked well, and plans for preventive maintenance have been created and implemented. The School Committee authorized a Department of Facilities project for an overall architectural review of school properties to help structure a long-term plan for building use and renovation. The results of this study will be presented early in 2009.

Liaison to Community and Advocate for the Lexington Public Schools

The School Committee supports the excellent work of the Administration, the staff, and the students in maintaining and improving the fine education that Lexington offers. Its members are grateful for the good working relationships between the Schools and the Town administrations and between the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Appropriation Committee, and the Capital Expenditures Committee. The schools also benefit invaluable from the support of parents and the Lexington community, the leadership provided by the PTA's and PTO, and the creativity, hard work, and generosity of the Lexington Education Foundation.

The administration maintains an active website that includes the entire budget book for citizens to study, School Committee meeting minutes and news. The aim of the School Department and the School Committee is to provide an education for the children and youth of this community that will prepare them for a productive, responsible, healthy and fulfilling adulthood in our complex world. ■

Lexington Public School Enrollments		2008-2009 Projected*	2008-2009 Actual*	2009-2010 Projected*
Elementary Schools				
Bowman, 9 Philip Road, built 1967	Mary Anton-Oldenburg, Principal	465	478	476
Bridge, 55 Middleby Road, built 1966	Jade Reitman, Principal	452	468	431
Estabrook, 117 Grove Street, built 1960	Martha Batten, Principal	437	434	408
Fiske, 55 Adams Street, built 2007	Nancy Peterson, Principal	433	492	498
Harrington, 146 Maple Street, built 2005	Elaine Mead, Principal	406	404	407
Hastings, 2618 Massachusetts Avenue, built 1955	Louise Lipsitz, Principal	402	423	406
Total elementary students, grades K-5		2595	2699	2626
Middle Schools				
Clarke, 17 Stedman Road, built 1972	Steven Flynn, Principal	786	763	752
Diamond, 99 Hancock Street, built 1957	Joanne Hennessy, Principal	715	738	758
Total middle school students, grades 6-8		1501	1501	1510
Lexington High School, 251 Waltham St., built 1950	Natalie Cohen, Principal			
Total high school students, grades 9-12		1999	1991	1980
Total student enrollment		6095	6191	6116

*Source: School Department document "Four and Ten-Year Enrollment Forecasts," December 10, 2008, showing actual enrollment on October 1, 2008.

Superintendent of Schools

ROLE: As Chief Executive Officer of Lexington's nine public schools, the Superintendent of Schools provides educational leadership through budget preparation, program development, and supervision of all academic, special education, and extracurricular programs for children in grades pre-K - 12. The Superintendent of Schools reports to an elected School Committee, enforces the policies and goals of this Committee, and upholds the laws and requirements determined by the federal government and state of Massachusetts. The Superintendent of Schools also works in cooperation with other communities to oversee collaborative programs for students with identified learning disabilities.

APPOINTED by the School Committee: Dr. Paul B. Ash has served as Superintendent of Schools since July 1, 2005.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Lexington Public Schools continued its long tradition of excellence in education. The high school's 2007-2008 overall SAT scores for Reading, Writing, and Math, and MCAS scores were among the highest in the state. This past year, the school system continued its commitment to improve curriculum and instruction by examining the K-12 physical education/wellness, mathematics, and science curricula.
- The new Town-wide Department of Public Facilities is 1 year old. The new department includes all school and municipal maintenance and custodial employees. The uni-

fied facilities department now allows the Director the flexibility to allocate resources where they are needed. The facilities team focused on preventive maintenance, energy conservation, construction of the DPW building, improved cleaning services, operation of security and fire protection systems, and the management of building envelope projects.

- In the area of special education, we expanded five programs that both improved the quality of in-district services for children and reduced the need for some out-of-district placements. The high-quality expanded programs made it possible to reduce the number of students attending out-of-district schools from 111 to 100, and save the town the cost of tuitions and transportation for these students. As a direct result of these expanded special education programs, the School Committee was able to return one million dollars to the Town's general fund at the close of the fiscal year.

Any summary of the goals and challenges we faced throughout the past year must begin with the following three values, which are at the heart of all we endeavor to do:

- Academic excellence
- Respectful and caring relationships
- A culture of reflection, conversation, collaboration, and commitment to continuous improvement

The major changes over the past 12 months are described below.

Lexington High School Class of 2008:

Size of class	492
Continuing education	94.8%
4-year college	92.2%
2-year college	1.4%
College Prep	1.2%
Year off	1.2%
Other	4.0%

Mean SAT Scores

Critical Reading	616
Math	643
Writing	633

National Merit Scholarship Program Class of 2008

Semi-finalists	17
Letters of Commendation	78

2006-07 Advanced Placement Tests

Number of Students	579
Total Grades Reported	1,051
Number of Subjects	26
Grade of 5	479
Grade of 4	352
Grade of 3	155
Grade of 2	48
Grade of 1	17

Students and Programs

- Continued our commitment to improve the district's curriculum and align Lexington's educational standards to State and National best practices. The curriculum review processes for physical education/wellness and mathematics should be completed by June of 2009. The science, engineering, and technology curriculum review process will be complete in 2010.
- Continued to expand the district's capacity to use data to assess programs and student work.
- Successfully implemented the new math intervention and guided study programs at both middle schools for the most at-risk students. A total of 75% of the students in these programs increased their math MCAS scores — 42% from Warning to Needs Improvement and 33% from Needs Improvement to Proficient.
- Began implementation of an Achievement Gap Action Plan to address specific, research-based initiatives that will begin to close the achievement gap for METCO, African-American, special education, and low-income students.
- Began piloting a new tiered literacy intervention model at Bowman, which will require close collaboration between classroom teachers, literacy specialists, and special educators.

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- The high school completed the accreditation process by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and received accreditation for 10 years.

Teacher Quality and Professional Development

- A continued hallmark of our schools is our exceptional faculty and staff. This past year, a focus was on developing professional learning communities to improve student learning. Teachers worked in teams to identify instructional areas needing improvement and developed new and innovative teaching strategies that will have a positive impact on student achievement.
- Implemented a mentoring and coaching program to support first- and second-year teachers.
- New administrators to Lexington participated in training to improve the quality of teacher supervision and evaluation.

Facilities/Other

- Completed the first year of the town-wide facilities department. By consolidating town-wide resources, the new

department now has more specialized in-house expertise and has the capacity to oversee projects from concept to full operation.

- Hired Design Partnerships to prepare a ten-year K-12 Facilities Master Plan. The report will be presented in February 2009.
- Reduced electricity consumption by 9.9% this past year, which is a reduction of 990,000 kilowatt hours.
- Hired an outside contractor to provide cleaning for the school's administrative offices, portions of the high school, Cary Library, Town Office Building, and Senior Center.
- Continued to improve the technology infrastructure by replacing out-dated hardware and data management software.

Student Achievement

Lexington students continue to achieve at very high levels, based on local standards and on national examinations. ■

Lexington Scholarship And Education Fund Committee

ROLE: To oversee the distribution of funds, which are collected biannually through the tax bill solicitation, to the Lexington PTA Council Scholarship Fund and the Lexington Education Foundation, per donor request.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair David Williams with Thomas Fenn from the Lexington PTA Council Scholarship Committee, Janine Cohen and John Miller from the Lexington Education Foundation, and Dr. Paul Ash from the Lexington School Department.

HIGHLIGHTS

- \$5,562 in donations was designated and distributed to the Lexington PTA Council Scholarship Fund.
- \$4,327 in donations was designated and distributed to the Lexington Education Foundation. ■

Annual Report 2008 Lexington Community Education

ROLE: To offer lifelong learning to all by providing practical, creative, and enjoyable educational opportunities at a reasonable cost. Courses for adults are offered in three sessions: winter, spring and fall. Classes are offered Monday through Friday, with most evening classes held at Lexington High School. The summer program for children, Explorations, provides academic and cultural enrichment. Lexington Community Education is a self-sustaining, integral part of the Lexington Public school system.

STAFF: Director, Craig Hall; Assistant Director, Andrea Paquette; Administrative Assistant, Caroline Ronten.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Administered Lexington High School's driver education program, which is taught by licensed instructors from Cam's Auto School of Waltham, and reaches approximately 300 students.
- Continued successful collaboration with LHS music teacher Jeff Leonard on the administration of a private instrument lesson program. Sixteen professional musicians teach approximately 200 students of all ages.
- Registered 3,494 students for LCE classes. This number includes all registrations from the three adult education semesters and the summer children's program.
- Offered many new adult classes, including How To Worry-Proof Your Portfolio, The Perfect Shot: Taking A Better Photo, Conversational Italian, Aromatic Holiday Wreaths, Tips For Managing Market Volatility, The Art of Mystery Writing, and Introduction To Time Management.
- Held 77 weeklong classes and processed 934 registrations for Explorations. Nearly all classes were located at the Fiske Elementary School. There were 95 LHS summer classroom aides who received LHS Community Service credit by volunteering a total of 4,074 hours of work assisting the Explorations programs. Nearly all summer teachers are experienced Lexington Public School classroom teachers. New programs included Karma Kids, Puppets, Cool Science, Musical Madness, Fun With Flight, and Acting: Improv And Scene Study.
- Continued to provide a sliding-scale tuition reduction program that assisted local English as a Second Language (ESL) students. ■

Lexington Public Schools 2007-08 Summary of Outside Funding

FEDERAL	FY07-08
Title I	\$ 241,101
Sped Education Professional Development	\$ 37,250
Drug Free Community Support	\$ 0
Sped 94-142/IDEA	\$1,416,920
Early childhood/Mainstreaming for Pre-School	\$ 41,296
TITLE V Instruction/Techonology	\$ 4,338
TITLE IIA Educator Quality.	\$ 112,395
TITLE IID Technology Integration	\$ 4,493
TITLE III Limited English Proficient	\$ 51,036
Sped Corrective Action	\$ 0
TITLE IV Drug Free Schools	\$ 0
Early Childhood Mental Health	\$ 0
Early Childhood Curriculum Frameworks	\$ 0
Early Childhood	\$ 0
Project FOCUS	\$ 0
Sped Program Review	\$ 0
Sped Metco	\$ 0
Total Federal Funds	\$1,908,829
STATE	
METCO FY08	\$1,581,094
Enhanced School Health/Essential School Health	\$ 131,434
Academic Support Services	\$ 7,300
Kindergarten Transition	\$ 98,000
Model Technology	\$ 0
LAS Support	\$ 0
Green Schools Feasibility	\$ 0
Total State Funds	\$1,817,828
Private Grants	
Jump-Up & Go	\$ 2,000
Clean Energy Choice - Mass Tech Collaborative	\$ 48,513
Total Private Grant Funds	\$ 50,513
LOCAL	
Lexington Education Foudation (FY08)	\$ 329,362
FEES	
Transportation	\$ 690,944
Athletics and Athletics Gate Reciepts	\$ 449,359
Tuition	\$ 0
Building Rental and Extended Day Program	\$ 132,647
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 77,989
Total Fees	\$1,350,940
Community, Corporate, and Private Donations	
Gifts to Schools	\$ 12,466
Total Donations	\$ 12,466
GRAND TOTAL ALL SOURCES	\$5,469,938

School Expenditures by Line Item

Salaries & Wages					
1	Unit A - Lea	\$35,082,375	\$35,980,575	\$36,448,212	\$38,440,842
2	Unit A - Stipends	143,565	189,876	172,653	225,909
3	Unit A - Coaches	473,948	533,008	491,001	443,421
4	Lesla - Secretaries	1,678,455	1,731,310	2,185,953	2,273,517
5	Co - Support	—	—	254,924	306,570
6	Facilities/Preventative Maintenance	—	—	229,079	296,937
7	Unit C - Instr Asst.	1,896,028	2,264,373	2,386,535	2,643,760
8	Aba Tutors	—	—	80,169	117,867
9	Ot Assistants	—	—	125,704	106,397
10	School Aides	954,889	966,659	411,435	335,993
11	Seiu Custodian/Maintenance	2,088,695	2,046,965	2,315,740	2,376,819
12	Custodial Overtime	176,800	89,334	165,296	256,722
13	Technology	390,391	417,780	370,938	425,972
14	Co - Administration	861,712	855,669	745,588	836,989
15	Principals	2,199,756	2,244,200	1,135,753	1,084,573
16	Ala - Asst Princ/Supvr	—	—	1,407,320	1,400,612
17	Nurse Subs	14,462	9,230	71	8,404
	Teacher Substitutes				711,897
18	Secy Subs	34,169	30,815	37,085	35,545
	Instruc Asst Substitutes	—	—		—
19	Crossing Guards	112,977	109,200	118,802	117,427
20	Sick Leave	—	—	10,094	—
	Shared Expenses	9,635,321	10,383,817	—	609
Salaries And Wages Total		\$55,743,543.00	\$57,852,811.00	\$49,092,352.00	\$52,446,781
Expenses					
1	Bowman	17,110	14,929	10,671	22,597
2	Bridge	20,966	14,969	15,978	20,522
3	Estabrook	20,248	13,434	16,887	18,270
4	Fiske	18,189	13,383	11,664	27,099
5	Harrington	9,735	15,178	12,635	22,878
6	Hastings	19,396	15,870	15,357	14,458
7	Clarke	31,398	19,596	9,800	11,207
8	Diamond	27,421	27,736	18,915	28,910
9	Lhs	85,296	103,057	103,529	111,746
10	K-5 Literacy	5,621	5,655	103,378	90,763
11	K-5 Math	49,127	49,654	46,101	72,950
12	K-5 Science	15,567	15,563	23,753	39,450
13	K-5 Social Studies	21,018	19,531	22,581	17,792
14	6-8 Eng/Lang Arts	29,093	22,919	19,837	26,092
15	6-8 Social Studies	—	—	1,295	2,113
16	6-8 Foreign Language	24,345	21,402	14,459	23,321
17	6-8 Math	17,308	12,618	13,520	21,064
18	6-8 Science	26,635	25,305	30,084	31,538
19	6-8 Social Studies	21,934	21,547	13,762	13,733
20	6-8 Info Tech/Business	4,245	2,602	7,309	8,415

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School Expenditures by Line Item *continued from previous page*

	9-12 Info Tech/Business	65	—	—	—
21	9-12 Eng/Lang Arts	19,355	19,245	26,855	26,265
22	9-12 Foreign Language	17,450	14,662	21,596	34,506
23	9-12 Math	20,366	9,738	10,143	20,292
24	9-12 Science	57,239	41,708	73,417	82,918
25	9-12 Social Studies	43,836	41,239	31,008	33,056
26	9-12 Competitive Speech	9,794	10,477	1,117	607
27	9-12 Policy Debate	37,915	14,609	108	910
28	9-12 Guidance	1,994	4,903	2,717	5,281
29	K-12 Curriculum	61,671	124,788	71,217	127,710
30	K-12 Library/Media	99,010	107,395	103,690	135,293
31	Technology	87,665	119,811	95,961	317,391
32	English Language Learners	—	—	8,883	60,988
33	K-12 Pe/Wellness	46,324	30,719	44,810	55,523
34	K-12 Visual Arts	47,464	49,730	56,418	63,823
35	K-12 Performing Arts	43,556	37,742	78,441	61,397
36	Athletics	230,846	254,650	294,815	126,364
37	Early Childhood Program	—	—	13,520	31,920
38	Health Services	6,738	8,067	6,977	11,414
39	Psychologist	—	—	75,815	80,316
40	K-12 Student Services	71,124	53,143	102,990	109,371
41	Tuition * Budget & Projection Net Circuit Breaker Offset	2,682,387	3,626,469	4,287,066	4,440,886
42	Transportation Special Education	687,730	845,029	896,513	1,073,155
43	Special Education Consultants	716,156	590,770	725,739	781,695
44	Transportation	1,087,521	1,364,672	1,335,414	386,200
45	Print Center	554,307	552,843	202,489	263,464
46	Legal Services	152,045	154,477	139,625	228,535
47	Teacher Substitutes	538,308	534,689	567,424	399,030
48	Administration	190,839	179,028	243,930	379,905
49	Facilities - Custodial	173,884	149,272	196,610	272,043
50	Facilities - Bldg Repair & Maintenance	15,067	1,000	597,204	799,303
51	Facilities - Grounds & Vehicles	165,006	319,798	35,650	68,619
52	Preventative Maintenance	165,510	164,077	457,214	457,434
53	Electricity	1,179,206	1,464,806	1,701,200	1,722,935
54	Fuel Oil	326,122	386,510	476,798	334,060
55	Natural Gas	578,218	614,352	561,827	750,846
56	Telephone/Cell Phone/Pagers	187,439	145,089	121,153	127,055
57	Water & Sewer	38,116	30,209	50,000	40,000
58	Prior Year Expenses	(235,000)	539,377	105,586	125,200
59	Revolving Fund Programs	—	—	236,313	191,518
60	Program Elimination	10,638	9,147	—	—
	Expenses Total	\$10,580,563	\$23,049,188	\$14,569,768	\$14,852,145
	Grand Total	\$66,324,106	\$70,901,999	\$63,662,120	\$67,298,926

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Minuteman Regional High School

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$ 10,556,617	.. \$ 10,060,445
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 6,189,152	.. \$ 6,079,053
<i>Total Budget</i>	\$ 16,745,769	.. \$ 16,139,498
<i>Lexington's Assessed Share</i>	\$ 1,194,216	.. \$ 1,024,817

Regional School Committee

The members of the Minuteman School Committee are appointed by each town's Moderator. David Horton was appointed by the Moderator in July 2008 for a three-year term. The other 15 towns that make up the 'member towns' are: Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lincoln, Needham, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston.

Enrollment

As of October 1, 2008, 59 regular full-time students that reside in Lexington attend Minuteman Regional High School. This is a 5% increase from last year. In addition, Lexington High School students can participate in a part-time program in elective technical training courses at Minuteman. Fourteen seniors from Lexington High School participated in 2007-2008 and eleven participated in 2008-09. Minuteman also offers a Post Graduate Vocational Program to high school graduates who are seeking technical training to obtain rewarding jobs in high-demand careers. Eleven Lexington students participated in this program.

The Minuteman FY08 budget represented a 3.8% increase that was mainly due to salary, transportation, and healthcare cost increases. At the time of the 2007 Town Meeting, Lexington's assessment was \$1,200,438. Minuteman reduced the assessment to \$1,194,216 in July, mainly because more transportation aid was received from the State than had been projected in the budget.

The Minuteman FY09 budget is \$17,001,622, which represented a 1.53% increase (removing Middle School Tech Special Programs) that was mainly due to healthcare, and utility increases, as well as an addition of a new budget line to fund the NEASC re-accreditation review. The decrease in salary budget was due primarily to the reduction of administrators, removing the Middle School Tech Program and replacing several vocational teachers with technical assistants.

Challenges

Finances: The operating budgets for FY07 and FY08 have increased due to the rising cost of health insurance, benefits, utilities, energy in general, and contracted salary increments. Staff was reduced by 4.5 positions. Budgets continue to be tightly controlled because Chapter 70 funding from the State is not overly generous, and transportation aid has varied

from 40 to 80%. Transportation aid to regional schools is supposed to be funded at 100% by the State government.

The FY08 Capital funds were used for activity bus lease/purchase, Tech Plan, upgrading the reception area, central administration and the cafeteria, continuing the flooring project, relocating the IT office, and painting 50% of the public areas.

Enrollment: Enrollment from the member towns, including post graduates has decreased from 479 in 2006 to 455 students in 2007 to 424 students in 2008. There has been only a very modest increase in the number of out-of-district students over these past 3 years. Minuteman's partnership arrangements with Medford and Watertown have continued to be successful. Although over-enrollment has declined slightly the retention rate of freshmen has increased due to special programs established last year: Freshmen are required to take Math and English classes on a daily basis, a dedicated 9th grade guidance counselor was hired, and the Accepted Student Advisor Program was implemented to provide families of accepted students a key contact at Minuteman.

Special Ed Inclusion: Minuteman is discontinuing the practice of having substantive separate-content-area classes for Special Education students. To implement full inclusion practices, staff assignments have been rearranged, and extra staff training has been given.

New Exploratory Program: Minuteman developed a Nontraditional Exploratory Program for the Class of 2011 through which all female students learned about the viability and challenges of women in nontraditional careers, such as automotive technology, carpentry and construction, computer science, and engineering while boys explore careers in Health Assisting, Cosmetology/Barbering, and Office Technology. The students learn about these careers through a series of hands-on exercises, guest speakers and alumni panelists, and field-site visits to industry partners.

Graduates and Honors

At the 2008 graduation, Kurtis Mazzone, Nicoleta Dyer, Richard Dyer, and Ashley Cobuzzi received the Friends of Minuteman Award. Amanda Gray received the Minuteman Faculty Association/Elaine Karkos, the Lexington Rotary Award, Minuteman Chapter of National Honor Society Award, and the Bonnie Hilla Memorial Award. Angela McCarthy received the Lexington Rotary Award, Minuteman Gourmet Knife Kit and Vernon C. Page Memorial Scholarship. Keith and Kurtis Mazzone received the Vernon C. Page Award. Christopher French received the Minuteman Parent Association Scholarship Trades Division Award. These awards are given to students of superior academic achievement and significant participation in school or community activities.

Aaron Gralnik was a Gold State medalist for Occupational Health and Safety-Multiple at the SkillsUSA conference. ■

LAND USE

Planning

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY 07
Payroll.....	\$204,039....	\$188,981
Expenses	\$ 7,015....	\$ 8,517
PERSONNEL		
Full time	3.4.....	3.4

ROLE: Together with the Town's Planning Department, to engage in both short- and long-term planning with regard to all growth and development issues and proposals. Specific responsibilities include: to prepare and implement the Comprehensive Plan; to administer subdivision regulations in accordance with state law; to review residential special permit applications and unaccepted street applications; to represent the Town in inter-town land use projects; to provide technical support and hearing functions for major rezoning/development proposals and on citizen and owner-generated zoning amendments; and to prepare zoning initiatives and amendments which are proposed by the Planning Board to Town Meeting. The Planning Board and the Planning Department also act as stewards of the Zoning Bylaw and Development Regulations, and as initiators of new policy proposals in housing, land use and transportation. The Planning Department provides support to the Planning Board, the Town Manager, Town departments and appointed committees, and supplies technical expertise in analyzing economic, demographic, and development trends in Lexington and the region. It also responds to requests for help and information from citizens and other parties.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED for 3-year terms: Chair Charles Hornig, Vice Chair Gregory Zurlo, Clerk Wendy Manz, Anthony Galaitsis, and Richard Canale.



L-R: Charles Hornig, Wendy Manz, Richard Canale, Anthonu Galaitsis, Greg Zurlo. (Courtesy Photo)

PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPOINTED by the Planning Board for a one-year term: Ginna Johnson

PLANNING STAFF APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Planning Director Maryann McCall-Taylor, Senior Planner Aaron Henry, Planner Christine McVay, and Department Clerk Lori Kaufman.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The residential development section of the Zoning Bylaw, commonly known as the cluster bylaw, was rewritten. The Annual Town Meeting passed the new section known as Special Permit Residential Developments.
- A team from the planning, engineering and conservation departments drafted a stormwater bylaw meeting the requirements for the federal NPDES permit. The Annual Town Meeting passed it.
- The Planning Board and the Planning Department represented the Town in the Metro-Future Planning process and ongoing Minuteman Advisory Group on Inter-local Coordination sub-regional planning efforts.
- As part of the Planning Department's work plan, reinforced by the Annual Town Meeting's charge to encourage economic development that will increase tax revenues, the Planning Board began its Hartwell Avenue Area Study. Revisions to the CM zone will be presented to the 2009 Annual Town Meeting for consideration.

Special Residential Developments

- 960-990 Waltham Street – Definitive Plan for a Special Residential Subdivision was approved for 13 dwelling units in five structures. Being appealed by an abutter.
- 48 Summit Road – plan submitted and the Board recommended the applicant file the definitive plan under the new Site Sensitive Development provisions.

Special Permit Residential Developments

Sketch Plans

- 91-93 Hancock Street (Lexington Gardens) - plan submitted
- 121 Marrett Road (Cotton Farms) - plan submitted
- 85A-87 Pleasant Street - plan submitted

Site Sensitive Development

- 63 Paul Revere Road – Definitive plan approved creation of two lots. One lot is for the construction of a new dwelling; the other an existing house and barn.

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Balanced Housing Development

- 341 Marrett Road – A definitive application was submitted after the preliminary plan had been denied.

Approval Not Required Plan Endorsements

- 73 Middle Street/ 376 Lincoln Street
- Spring Street/ Lincoln Technology Park
- 62-64 Cary Avenue
- 5-9 Vinebrook Road
- Moreland Avenue at Buckner Drive
- 93 Marrett Road at Tricorn Road
- 112 Laconia Street

Determination of Adequacy of Grade and Construction

- 66 Robbins Road

Zoning Changes

- Countryside Plaza - 303 Woburn Street/Lowell Avenue was presented at the Annual Town Meeting 2008 and a portion was approved for rezoning from RO to CRS.

- Beal Companies Ledgemont Center at Spring Street and Hayden Avenue – The request for a CD rezoning was on the warrant for the Fall Special Town Meeting 2008. The Beal Company indefinitely postponed this matter until the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.
- Special Permit Residential Development replaced the Special Residential Development commonly known as the cluster by-law.
- Height of Buildings and Structures. The article was divided. The reduction in height for residential structures was defeated while the changes dealing with average natural grade passed.
- Established an associate member for the Planning Board.
- Eight citizen's petitions dealing with commercial development standards. The Planning Board recommended that the article on parking and bicycle facility standards be approved as well as the article allowing light manufacturing by special permit in the CRO zone and they were. The other articles were defeated as recommended by the Planning Board. The Board did commit to bringing back a package of amendments designed to encourage economic development, concentrating on the Hartwell Avenue area. ■

Design Advisory Committee

ROLE: To assist the Selectmen, other boards, and individuals in the Town in applying professional design standards to new structures, renovations, signage, lighting, and landscape improvements.

APPOINTED: by Selectmen for 1-year terms: Chair Colin Smith, Bahig Kaldas, Alenka Slezak, Greg Zurlo, Ginna Johnson, Timothy Lee; Associate Members: John Frey, Betsy Whitman, Bruce Creager;

Planning Board liaison Wendy Manz; Selectmen liaison: Peter Kelley.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Assisted the Planning Board with development standards for the CM Zoning District- Hartwell Avenue.
- Reviewed and made recommendations for Three Ledgemont Center- 97 Hayden Avenue.
- Recommended to Board of Appeals approval for:
 - Ledgemont III
 - Shire / Patriot Partners
 - Town-wide wireless communication facility installations
 - 440 Bedford Street restaurant
 - Town-wide freestanding and wall-mounted sign installations



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From left to right: John Frey, Ginna Johnson, Colin Smith, Betsy Whitman, Tim Lee; Not Pictured: Alenka Slezak, Bahig Kaldas, Bruce Creager, Greg Zurlo.

Board of Appeals

EXPENDITURES FY08 FY07

Payroll.....

Expenses

ROLE: To grant variances from the Zoning Bylaw (“ZBL”), issue special permits for uses or construction as authorized by the Zoning Bylaw, and hear appeals of decisions by the Building Commissioner and Zoning Administrator.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen, a quasi-judicial board consisting of five members with six associate members: Chair Nyles N. Barnert, Vice-Chairman John J. McWeeney, Clerk Carolyn C. Wilson, Arthur C. Smith and Judith J. Uhrig. Associates Members: Steven L. Colman, John T. Gilbert, Jill Hai, Leo P. McSweeney, David G. Williams and Martha C. Wood.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Heard 89 cases in 2008.
- Received 45 requests for variances, and 51 requests for Special Permits, five special permit renewals, one amended special permit, and one special permit modification. Five petitions were continued and three petitions were withdrawn.



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Front row left to right: Carolyn C. Wilson, John J. McWeeney, Nyles N. Barnert-Chairman, Dianne Cornaro-Administrative Clerk, Arthur C. Smith and Judith J. Uhrig; Standing: Associate Members Leo P. McSweeney and David Williams and David George-Zoning Administrator. Missing: Associate members: Steven L. Colman, John T. Gilbert, Jill Hai, Martha C. Wood.

- Heard three appeals from Building Commissioner or Zoning Administrator decisions: one was overturned, one was denied, and one was continued until January of 2009.
- Heard one petition for a Special Permit with Site Plan Review on a project approved by the Annual Town Meeting. There were no Comprehensive Permit (M.G.L. Ch. 40B) applications in 2008. ■

Board of Appeals 2008 Hearings

Hearing Date	Address	Type of Hearing (V, SP, SPS, etc.)	Decision (Approve, Deny)
1/10/2008	7 Gould Road	Variances	Approved & Denied
1/10/2008	31 Calvin Street	Variance	Approved
1/10/2008	38 Charles Street	Variance & Special Permit	Approved
1/10/2008	94 Reed Street	Variance & Special Permit	Approved
1/10/2008	36 Webster Road	Special Permit	Approved
1/10/2008	130 Pleasant Street	Special Permit	Approved
1/10/2008	33 Centre Street	Variance & Special Permit	Approved
1/10/2008	397 Lowell Street	Special Permit	Approved
1/10/2008	675 Lowell Street	Special Permit	Approved
1/10/2008	319 Marrett Road	Special Permit Renewal	Approved
1/10/2008	24 Hartwell Avenue	Special Permit	Approved
1/24/2008	440 Bedford Street	Special Permit	Approved
1/24/2008	45 Hartwell Avenue	Special Permit	Approved
1/24/2008	25 Hartwell Avenue	Special Permit	Approved
1/24/2008	17 Theresa Avenue	Special Permit	Withdrew without prejudice
1/24/2008	110 Spring Street	Special Permit	Approved
1/24/2008	72 Waltham Street	Variance and Special Permit	Approved

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Board of Appeals – 2008 Hearings *continued from previous page*

Hearing Date	Address	Type of Hearing (V, SP, SPS, etc.)	Decision (Approve, Deny)
1/24/2008	125, 131, 141 Spring Street	Special Permit with Site Plan Review	Approved
2/14/2008	1726 Massachusetts Avenue	Special Permit	Approved
3/13/2008	3 Patriots Drive	Special Permit	Approved
3/13/2008	756 Massachusetts Avenue	Variance and Special Permit	Approved
3/13/2008	7 Lake Street	Variance	Approved
3/27/2008	30 Charles Street	Variance and Special Permit	Approved
4/10/2008	59 Worthen Road	Special Permit	Approved
4/10/2008	50 Prospect Hill Road	Variance	Approved
4/10/2008	4 Ward Street	Variance	Denied
4/10/2008	9 Heritage Drive	Variance	Approved
4/10/2008	12 Oakland Street	Special Permit	Approved
4/10/2008	7 Oakland Street	Variance	Approved
4/10/2008	5 Vinebrook Road	Variance	Approved
5/8/2008	2 Essex Street	Variance	Approved
5/8/2008	54 Munroe Road	Variance	Approved
5/8/2008	36 Fuller Road	Variance	Approved
5/8/2008	33 Skyview Road	Variance	Approved
5/8/2008	38 Robbins Road	Special Permit	Approved
5/8/2008	7 Aerial Street	Variance and Special Permit	Approved
5/8/2008	24 Tarbell Avenue	Special Permit	Approved
5/22/2008	440 Bedford Street	Modification of a Decision	Approved
5/22/2008	29 Whipple Road	Variance	Approved
5/22/2008	20 Spring Street	Variance	Approved
5/22/2008	7 & 32 Journey's End Lane	Variance	Denied
5/22/2008	502 Massachusetts Avenue	Variance and Special Permit	Continued until June 12, 2008
6/12/2008	37 Webb Street	Variance	Approved
6/12/2008	94 Winter Street	Variance	Approved
6/12/2008	168 Grant Street	Appeal Decision of the Building Commissioner	Denied
6/12/2008	502 Massachusetts Avenue	Variance and Special Permit	Approved
7/10/2008	18 Bates Road	Variance	Approved
7/10/2008	16 Skyview Road	Variance	Withdrawn without prejudice
7/10/2008	95 Hayden Avenue	3 Special Permits	Approved
7/24/2008	301 Massachusetts Avenue	Renewal of a Special Permit	Approved
7/24/2008	72 Oak Street	Special Permit	Approved
8/14/2008	397 Lowell Street	Special Permit	Approved
8/14/2008	177 Bedford Street	Special Permit	Approved
8/14/2008	16 Skyview Road	Variance	Approved
8/14/2008	4 Chandler Street	Variance	Approved
8/14/2008	17 Meriam Street	Variance	Approved
8/14/2008	28 Reed Street	Variance	Approved
8/14/2008	2 Wachusett Circle	Variance	Approved

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Board of Appeals – 2008 Hearings *continued from previous page*

Hearing Date	Address	Type of Hearing (V, SP, SPS, etc.)	Decision (Approve, Deny)
8/14/2008	28 Watertown Street	2 Variances	Approved
8/14/2008	7 Smith Avenue	Variance	Approved
8/14/2008	700 Waltham Street	Special Permit Renewal	Approved
8/28/2008	700 Waltham Street	Special Permit Renewal	Approved
8/28/2008	2 Essex Street	2 Variances and Special Permit	Approved
8/28/2008	397 Lowell Street	Special Permit	Continued until Sept 11, 2008
8/28/2008	750 Marrett Road	Special Permit	Approved
9/11/2008	397 Lowell Street	Special Permit	Withdrawn without Prejudice
9/25/2008	Morgan Road, Map 50, Lot 20	Special Permit	Approved
9/25/2008	265 Lowell Street	Special Permit	Approved
9/25/2008	321 Woburn Street	Special Permit	Approved
10/16/2008	1075 Waltham Street	Special Permit	Approved
10/16/2008	8-10 Piper Road	Special Permit	Approved
10/16/2008	153 North Street	4 Variances and a Special Permit	Approved
10/16/2008	Dee Road, Lot 122	Appeal Decision of the Zoning Administrator	Overturned
10/16/2008	125 Spring St., 200, 300, 400, & 500 Patriot Way	Amend Special Permit	Approved
10/16/2008	1000 Main Campus Drive	Appeal Decision of Building Commissioner	Postponed until December 11, 2008
10/23/2008	40 Hartwell Avenue	Special Permit	Approved
10/23/2008	119 Wood Street	Special Permit	Approved
11/13/2008	Muster Court and Seaborn Place	Special Permit	Approved
11/13/2008	131 Massachusetts Avenue	Special Permit	Approved
11/13/2008	2 Payson Street	Variance	Approved
12/11/2008	1000 Main Campus Drive	Appeal Decision of the Building Commissioner	Postponed until January 22, 2009
12/11/2008	1265 Massachusetts Avenue	Special Permit Renewal	Approved
12/11/2008	30 Barberry Road	2 Variances	Approved
12/11/2008	7 Sylvia Street	Special Permit	Approved
12/11/2008	411 Waltham Street	Special Permit	Approved
12/11/2008	315 Marrett Road	Special Permit	Approved
12/11/2008	60 Concord Avenue	Special Permit	Postponed until January 08, 2009
12/11/2008	750 Marrett Road	Special Permit	Approved
12/11/2008	40 Hartwell Avenue	Special Permit	Approved

Special Note: The Board remains indebted to the Communication Advisory Committee and the Design Advisory Committee for advice and assistance throughout the year.

Regional Planning

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

ROLE: As the regional planning agency representing 101 communities in the metropolitan Boston area, including Lexington, to serve as a forum for State and Local officials to address regional issues. Council members collaborate in the development of comprehensive plans and recommendations in areas of population and employment, transportation, economic development, regional growth and the environment. MAPC is one of the 17 members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, which carries out the federally-mandated transportation planning process for the region. MAPC is also the federally-designated economic development district for the region, responsible for creating an annual economic development plan. The Council provides technical assistance and professional resources in land use, the environment, housing, transportation, water resources management, economic development, demographic and socioeconomic data, legislative policy, and inter-local partnerships which strengthen the efficient and effective operation of local governments.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen as MAPC Lexington Representative: Richard Canale; appointed as the Alternate MAPC Lexington Representative: Maryann McCall-Taylor.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- MAPC Council officially approved the MetroFuture Implementation Strategies phase of MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region. With this approval, the MetroFuture Plan, the official regional long range plan, is now complete and implementing the Plan is the next step of the process. MetroFuture stakeholders will now incorporate advocacy, public participation, data analysis, and cutting-edge technology to implement the articulated 13 strategies and hundreds of particular objectives developed through the MetroFuture process. The Lexington MAPC representative contributed to the design and structure of this process as a member of the Steering Committee and will continue in the implementation phase.
- MAPC signed a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a Federal Highway grant award of \$138,020 to create a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for The Battle Road Scenic Byway. Lexington, along with the towns of Arlington, Lincoln, and Concord, and the Minuteman National Historical Park will provide policy and steering guidance to the study which will be conducted by the MAPC. Work on the plan will begin in 2009 and the two Lexington representatives on the Working Group will be Richard Canale, Planning Board, and Maryann McCall Taylor, Planning Director.
- MAPC initiated a program offering communities reimbursement funds on a wide array of bicycle parking equipment. Lexington has been reimbursed for ten high quality bike racks that were placed throughout the town.
- MAPC provided Lexington with planning data and analyses including population, employment and household forecasts.

MAPC Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC)

ROLE: As one of MAPC's eight subregions, to discuss and work on issues of inter-local concern. Lexington is in the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) subregion. Other MAGIC towns are: Acton, Bedford, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, and Sudbury. MAGIC participates in The Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization through its membership on the Regional Transportation Advisory Council.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen as MAGIC Representatives: Jeanne Krieger and Richard Canale.

Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

ROLE: Comprising seven State/regional agencies, six elected municipalities, the City of Boston, the Regional Transportation Advisory Council (ex-officio), the Federal Highway Administration (ex-officio), and the Federal Transit administration (ex-officio), to consolidate transportation planning for a large portion of eastern Massachusetts for a variety of transportation modes and facilities, and to carry out the federally-mandated transportation planning process for the region. The Boston MPO is responsible for producing three key Certification Documents: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Regional Transportation Advisory Council

ROLE: To provide public policy advice to the Boston MPO members on regional transportation issues and specific MPO actions. The Council is composed of 60 representatives from cities and towns, MAPC subregions, professional transportation and planning associations, advocacy and advisory groups, transportation providers, and various state and regional agencies. Lexington is one of the eleven Town members.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen as Lexington's Representative to the Regional Transportation Advisory Council: Gail Wagner.

Battle Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Study Working Group

ROLE: To provide oversight to the development of the federally-funded Battle Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Study. The Working Group consists of 10 Core Working Members: 2 representatives designated by the local elected officials of each of the four communities (Arlington, Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord) plus one member from the Minute Man National Historical Park and one member

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from MAPC. Core Working Members will be responsible for representing the interests of their community or organization in Working Group.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen as Lexington's Representatives to the Battle Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Study Working Group: Richard Canale and Maryann McCall-Taylor.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Through MAGIC, Lexington Stakeholders collaborated with state and federal legislators and aides in articulating mutual goals and strategies including Municipal financing and tax policy, zoning/land use reform including status of local control and smart growth, and statewide/regional transportation financing and planning.
- MAGIC discussed potential impacts of regional development proposals within the area.

Lexington's MAPC representative and other Lexington representatives participated in several MAPC/MAGIC forums

on Smart Growth and Mixed Use Overlay districts, Affordable Housing Options, Impact of Local Zoning on Housing and Commercial Development, Zoning Reform, Expedited Permitting, Suburban Mobility, a Parking Toolkit, the 2010 U.S. census, bike trails and walk paths, and transportation financing, planning, and construction issues.

Lexington and MAGIC maintain a direct voice in transportation planning and project selection through the Boston MPO and its Regional Transportation Advisory Council. Richard Canale represents MAGIC on transportation issues as the subregion's representative to the Regional Transportation Advisory Council. Gail Wagner, the Lexington Transportation Coordinator, represents Lexington on the Advisory Council. In addition, Lexington resident, Barbara Lucas represents the MAPC on the Boston MPO and its Planning and Program Committee, of which she is Vice-Chair. ■

Historic Districts Commission

ROLE: To promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of historic buildings, places, and districts.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen for overlapping 5-year terms: two candidates nominated by the Lexington Historical Society, one candidate nominated by the Arts and Crafts Society, Inc., one candidate nominated by the Trustees of the Cary Memorial Library, and one selected at large by the Selectmen.

Chair Joseph Welch, Lynn Hopkins, Alfonso Hernandez, Daniel Griffin Jr., and Paul Ross; Associate Commissioners Carl Oldenburg, Robert Warshawer, Marilyn Fenollosa, and Scott Kyle.

Paul Ross was appointed a Commissioner representing the Historical Society in April 2008. Mr. Ross has been an associate commissioner since 2007.

Scott Kyle was appointed as an Associate Commissioner representing the Historical Society in August 2008. Mr. Kyle lives in the Hancock-Clarke District and is a local contractor.

At the end of 2008, Lynn Hopkins will be ending her term as a Commissioner. Lynn is a local architect who has brought her expertise in design aesthetics and building details to the HDC for 10 years. Mrs. Hopkins has been a major force on the Commission and the District has benefited immensely from her contribution over the years. Mr. Robert Warshawer will begin his appointment as a



L-R: Scott Kyle, Carl Oldenburg, Paul Ross, Joe Welch (Chair), Amy Casparius, Alfonso Hernandez, Robert Warshawer.

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Commissioner, in January 2009. Mr. Warshawer has been an Associate Commissioner representing the Arts and Crafts society since 2006.

HEARINGS:

Hearings 117: 49 Formal, 28 continued, and 40 informal.

Issued: 60 Certificates of Appropriateness, one denial, and one extension of time.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Supportive Living, Inc. housing in the historic Lexington Press building at 9 Oakland Street was completed in August of 2008.
- The Commission continues to work with the architectural team for the new 3-story, wood and steel framed, 30-unit Lexington Place condominium, which fronts on both Massachusetts Avenue and Waltham Street.
- Commissioners continue to give special time to applicants when guidance is needed. The Commission continues to work on signage issues in the business districts and design issues for Town properties.

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JANUARY

FORMAL HEARINGS

1726 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 33 –Kajal Saini, representing Nikki's Liquors, received approval for a temporary sign. Certificate No. 2008C-2.

1444 Massachusetts Avenue map 40 lot 32 – Ron Wallace received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-1.

72 Waltham Street map 48 lot 79 – Eric Zanin was continued for exterior architectural changes until February 2008.

1073 Massachusetts Avenue map 30 lot 96 – William Erickson, representing, Sean and Lisa O'Brien, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-3. This hearing will remain open until the entire project is completed.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

964 Massachusetts Avenue map 22 lot 85 – Colin Smith, representing Andrea Joliat, was continued until February 2008 meeting.

35 Hancock Street map 56 map 39B – Susan R. Rockwell, Representing, Lexington Historical Society, regarding Exterior Architectural Changes, was continued until the February 2008 meeting.

1849 Massachusetts Avenue map 49 lot 8A – Akhul Bhambri, representing, Lexington Zoom Wireless, Incorporated, regarding signage was continued until February 2008 meeting.

1720 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 36A – Erik Rhodin, representing Lexington Place, regarding exterior architectural changes was continued until February 2008 meeting.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1605 Massachusetts Avenue Cary Memorial Building map 48 lot 169 - Donna Hooper, Representing, Town of Lexington, presented plans for the location of a cooler condenser.

7 Brigham Road map 56 lot 213 – Henry Finch, Representing, Michael Harris, presented plans for an addition.

Corner Massachusetts Avenue and Edison Way map 48 lot 104 – Dennis Behr, representing, National Grid, presented plans for new access doors, recessed valve boxes, vent poles, and a control box on the side walk. All this work is in conjunction with replacing an underground natural gas pressure reducing station.

33 Hancock Street map 56 lot 47 - Ian Adamson, presented plans for enlarging his driveway and other landscaping issues.

1436 Massachusetts Avenue map 39 lot 59 – James Wong, presented general ideas for exterior architectural changes.

FEBRUARY

FORMAL HEARINGS

1605 Massachusetts Avenue Cary Memorial Building map 48 lot 169- Donna Hooper, Representing, Town of Lexington, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-4.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

964 Massachusetts Avenue map 22 lot 85 – Colin Smith, representing Andrea Joliat, was continued until March 2008.

72 Waltham Street map 48 lot 79 – Eric Zanin was continued for exterior architectural changes until March 2008.

1849 Massachusetts Avenue map 49 lot 8A – Akhul Bhambri, representing, Lexington Zoom Wireless, Incorporated, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-5

502 Massachusetts Avenue map 14 lot 4 – Colin Smith, representing, Sepehr Sadeghi, was continued for exterior architectural changes until March 2008.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

10 Muzzey Street Unit B map 49 lot 39 – Albert Montgomery, representing Christian Science Church, presented plans for temporary signage.

Corner Massachusetts Avenue and Edison Way map 48 lot 104.

Dennis Behr, representing, National Grid, presented plans for new access doors, recessed valve boxes, vent poles, and a control box on the side walk. All this work is in conjunction with replacing an underground natural gas pressure reducing station.

Munroe Cemetery -David Pinsonneault, representing, S. Levi Doran, presented two signs for Munroe Cemetery.

1690 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 35 – Kevin Latady, representing, Turtle Bay Limited Partnership, presented ideas for changing the front façade and adding more entrances.

MARCH

FORMAL HEARINGS

Corner Massachusetts Avenue and Edison Way map 48 lot 104- Dennis Behr, representing, National Grid, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-6.

1536 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 15 – Jon Wardell, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-7.

1690 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 35 – Kevin Latady, representing, Turtle Bay Limited Partnership, received approval for exterior architectural changes for the front façade. Certificate No. 2008C-8

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CONTINUED HEARINGS

72 Waltham Street map 48 lot 79 – Eric Zanin was not present.

3 Hancock Avenue map 56 lot 36 – Alexander and Anna Gamota, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-9

INFORMAL HEARINGS

964 Massachusetts Avenue map 22 lot 85 – Colin Smith, representing Andrea Joliat, presented revised plans for a new home.

1436 Massachusetts Avenue map 39 lot 59 -James Wong, presented ideas for exterior architectural changes.

1965 Massachusetts Avenue map 57 lot 8 –Joseph Contarino, presented ideas for exterior architectural changes.

MARCH 28, 2008 SPECIAL HEARING

35 Hancock Street map 56 map 39B – Susan R. Rockwell, Representing, Lexington Historical Society, was denied a certificate of appropriateness regarding Exterior Architectural Changes. This decision was 3-2. Determination of Denial 2008C-25

APRIL

FORMAL HEARINGS

1840 Massachusetts Avenue map 49 lot 75- Rachael Greenwald, representing Katlin Travel Group, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-10.

13 Depot Square map 49 lot 10 – Susan Bennett, representing Lexington Historical Society, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-11.

36 Hancock Street, 1332 Massachusetts Ave., 1 Bedford Street, 13 Depot Square – Susan Bennett, representing Lexington Historical Society, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-12.

1749 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 99- Janice Zazinski, representing Peet's Coffee & Tea, was continued regarding signage.

33 Hancock Street map 56 lot 47-Faith Baum, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-13.

1436 Massachusetts Avenue map 39 lot 59 -James Wong, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-14.

1965 Massachusetts Avenue map 57 lot 8 –Joseph Contarino, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-15.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

7-9 Oakland Street map 48 lot 92 – David Buckley, representing Supportive Living Inc., received approval for exterior architectural changes. This hearing will remain open until the project is complete. No Certificate was issued, the

commission had approved everything that was presented at a previous hearing.

72 Waltham Street map 48 lot 79 – Eric Zanin, received approval for exterior architectural changes. Certificate No. 2008C-17.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1557 Massachusetts Avenue (White House) map 48 lot 170A- Jack Glassman, representing Town of Lexington, presented an idea for restoring the houses main block and carriage house and adding an addition.

735 Massachusetts Avenue map 22 lot 52- HKT Architects, representing, East Lexington Library, presented ideas for the exterior in order to stabilize the building.

1989-1993 Massachusetts Avenue map 57 lot 9B-Gerald Abegg, representing St. Brigid Parish, spoke about plans for the building.

5 Rowland Ave map 40 lot 39- Derek Chism, possible demolition and rebuild.

488 Massachusetts Avenue map 14 lot 3- Scott Wilkas, presented a storage shed. He will have a formal hearing in May.

9 Independence Avenue map 22 lot 106- Charles Cassell, presented new asphalt shingles for their roof. He will have a formal hearing in May.

MAY

FORMAL HEARINGS

9 Independence Avenue map 22 lot 106- Charles Cassell, received approval for exterior architectural change (roof). Certificate No. 2008C-16.

488 Massachusetts Avenue map 14 lot 3- Scott Wilkas, received approval for exterior architectural change (shed). Certificate No. 2008C-18.

1751 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 99- Damon Irby, Representing, Three Forty Four was continued until June 2008 for signage.

870 Massachusetts Avenue map 22 lot 75 – Scott Herlihy, received approval for exterior architectural changes (patio, flag stone walk, field stone wall, storm doors). Certificate No. 2008C-19.

756 Massachusetts Avenue map 22 lot 67- John Frissore was continued for exterior architectural changes until June 2008.

Harrington Road to Woburn Street – Dawn McKenna, representing, Lexington Tourism Committee, received approval for signs. Certificate No. 2008C-20.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

1749 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 99- Janice Zazinski, representing Peet's Coffee & Tea, received approval for

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exterior architectural changes (two tables, chairs, and umbrellas outside store). Certificate No. 2008C-21.

11 Hancock Avenue *map 56 lot 32-* Emily Patel received approval for exterior architectural change (paint color). Certificate No. 2008C-22.

1720 Massachusetts Ave *map 48 lot 36A-* Erik Rhodin, representing, Lexington Place, received approval for exterior architectural change (precast concrete for the exterior of the building). Certificate No. 2008C-23.

11-17 Waltham Street *map 49 lot 35A –* Jeffery Lyon, representing, Lexington Center Associates, received approval for exterior architectural change (installation of a stationary Awning over the rear emergency egress stairs). Certificate No. 2008C-24.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

7 Brigham Road *map 56 lot 213-* Henry Finch, Representing, Michael Harris, presented plans for an addition.

1912 Massachusetts Avenue *map 49 lot 171 –* Linda Williams, representing Hancock Church, presented idea for sign replacement.

1963 Massachusetts Avenue *map 57 lot 7 –* Joseph Contarino, did not appear.

33 Forest Street *map 49 lot 164B –* Donald Walker, representing, Hancock School Condominium Association presented idea for two chimney rain caps.

JUNE

FORMAL HEARINGS

33 Forest Street *map 49 lot 164B –* Donald Walker, representing, Hancock School Condominium, received approval for exterior architectural change (two chimney caps). Certificate No. 2008C-26.

1912 Massachusetts Avenue *map 49 lot 171 –* Linda Williams, representing Hancock Church, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-27.

1912 Massachusetts Avenue *map 49 lot 171 –* Dean Rutila, representing Hancock Church, received approval for exterior architectural change (9 replacement awning windows) Certificate No. 2008C-27.

1740 Massachusetts Avenue *map 48 lot 34-* Raychel Greenwald, Representing J.J. & R Realty Trust, received approval for exterior architectural change (awning replacement). Certificate No. 2008C-28

11 Bedford Street *map 56 lot 13-* Bradford Miller, received approval to change exterior house color. This was an Unadvertised Hearing. Certificate No. 2008C-29

4 Vine Brook Road *map 48 lot 38 -* Robert and Helen Pride, received approval for exterior architectural change (roof). Certificate No. 2008C-30.

45 Bedford Street *map 57 lot 144 –* Maureen Foley,

Corporate Environmental Advisors Inc., Representing, Motiva Enterprises LLC, Representing Fire Department Town of Lexington, received approval for exterior architectural change (remediation shed). Certificate No. 2008C-31.

1965 Massachusetts Avenue *map 57 lot 8 -* Joseph Contarino was continued until the July hearing for exterior architectural change.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

1751 Massachusetts Avenue *map 48 lot 99-* Damon Irby, Representing Three Forty Four, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-32.

756 Massachusetts Avenue *map 22 lot 67-* John Frissore, received approval for exterior architectural change (dormer extension). Certificate No. 2008C-33. *Associate Commissioner Carl Oldenburg reused himself from this hearing*

36 Hancock Street *map 56 lot 39B -* Susan Bennett,, received approval for exterior architectural change (Air Condenser Pad). Certificate No. 2008C-34.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

8 Vine Brook Road *map 48 lot 39-* Ram Raju, presented plans for an addition. He will come back for another informal hearing.

16 Belfrey Terrace *map 49 lot 156A –* William Hubner, Representing, Anne and Omar Khudari, presented plans for dormer replacement. They are ready for a formal hearing in July.

960 Massachusetts Avenue *map 22 lots 84 –* Stratos Dimas, presented ideas for possible addition. He will need to have another informal hearing.

755 Massachusetts Avenue *map 22 lot 50 –* Mart Ojamaa, Representing, Follen Church Society, presented plans for a trash enclosure. He is ready for a formal hearing in July.

JULY

FORMAL HEARINGS

15 Muzzey Street *map 49 lot 68 –* Jeffery Lyon, representing, Lois Eunst Realtors, Inc., received approval for exterior architectural change (roof). Certificate No. 2008C-35.

755 Massachusetts Avenue *map 22 lot 50 –* Mart Ojamaa, representing, Follen Church Society, received approval for exterior architectural change (trash enclosure and new front door). Certificate No. 2008C-36

16 Belfrey Terrace *map 49 lot 156A –* William Hubner, representing, Anne and Omar Khudari, received approval for exterior architectural changes (new dormers, enlarge existing dormers, removal of one chimney, new basement windows). Certificate No. 2008C-37.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

502 Massachusetts Avenue *map 14 lot 4 –* Colin Smith, rep-

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representing, Sepehr Sadeghi, was continued for exterior architectural changes to August 2008.

1965 Massachusetts Avenue map57 lot 8 - Joseph Contarino requested to be continued until August regarding the hearing for exterior architectural change.

1720 Massachusetts Ave map 48 lot 36A- Erik Rhodin, representing, Lexington Place, received approval for exterior architectural material details. Certificate No. 2008C-38.
Lynn Hopkins recused herself from this hearing.

1580 Massachusetts Avenue-Larry Doo, representing The First Baptist church, received approval for exterior architectural change (Left side stairs). *Certificate No. 2008C-39.* This is a modification to the permit issued on June 1, 2000. Certificate No. 2000C-54.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

7 Brigham Road map56 lot 213- *Henry Finch, representing, Michael Harris, presented plans for an addition. They are ready for a formal hearing.*

8 Vine Brook Road map48 lot39- Ram Raju, presented plans for an addition. He will come back for another informal.

1445 Massachusetts Avenue -Peter Daus-Haberle, representing Robert and Jean Ricci presented plans for exterior architectural change. They are ready for a formal hearing.

AUGUST

FORMAL HEARINGS

Depot Square, Connectivity Path A and B - Susan Yanofsky requested that the hearing be postponed until September 2008.

1445 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 278 -Peter Daus-Haberle, representing Robert and Jean Ricci received approval for exterior architectural change (removal of greenhouse, window & door changes, patio, etc.). Certificate No. 2008C-40.

926 Massachusetts Avenue-map 22 lot 81 Michael Kuschel, representing Patricia Thomas with respect to exterior architectural change was not in attendance. The commission voted to continue this hearing.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

502 Massachusetts Avenue map14 lot 4 – Colin Smith, representing, Sepehr Sadeghi, received approval for exterior architectural change (addition). Certificate No. 2008C-41.

1965 Massachusetts Avenue map57 lot 8 - Joseph Contarino requested to be continued until September regarding the hearing for exterior architectural change.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

8 Vine Brook Road map48 lot39- *Ram Raju, presented plans for an addition. They are ready for their formal hearing.*

46 Bedford Street map 57 lot 14A- Dan Yu, presented his idea for the property. Possible demolition and rebuild.

SEPTEMBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

Depot Square, Connectivity Path A and B - Susan Yanofsky, representing Lexington Historical Society, received approval for exterior architectural change (changing sidewalk surface). Certificate No. 2008C-42.

2027 Massachusetts Avenue map 49 lot 2 -R.L. Barnard, representing, Lexington Home for the Aged, received approval for exterior architectural change (changing front walk surface). Certificate No. 2008C-43.

8 Vine Brook Road map48 lot39- Ram Raju, requested to be continued until the October 2008 meeting.

7 Brigham Road map56 lot 213- Michael Harris, received approval for exterior architectural change (an addition). Certificate No. 2008C-44.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

1965 Massachusetts Avenue map57 lot 8 - Joseph Contarino requested to be continued until October regarding the hearing for exterior architectural change.

926 Massachusetts Avenue-map 22 lot 81 Michael Kuschel, Representing Patricia Thomas, was continued until the October hearing regarding exterior architectural change.

72 Waltham Street map 48 lot 79 – Eric Zanin, received approval for exterior architectural change (completing the project in phases). Certificate No. 2008C-45.

36 Hancock Street map56 lot39B - Susan Bennett, received approval for exterior architectural change (exterior color change). Certificate No. 2008C-46.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1115 Massachusetts Avenue map 30 lot 19-Casimir Groblewski, Exterior Architectural Change. (Windows and Doors). He is ready for a formal hearing.

1556 Massachusetts Avenue map 48 lot 16- Luis Melendez, Exterior Architectural Change. (Chimney re-pointing and Caps). He is ready of a formal hearing.

6 Oak Street map 14 lot 5- Howard Bernstein, Exterior Architectural Change (gutter, exterior lighting, chimney cap, generator, storm door) He is ready for a formal hearing.

OCTOBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

21 Muzzey Street 2nd Floor: map 49 lot 66- Soraya Sadeghi, Esquire, Representing Barbara Graham, was continued until the November 2008 hearing regarding signage.

1792 Massachusetts Avenue: map 49 lot38- Jenifer Apazidis received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-47.

1115 Massachusetts Avenue: map 30 lot 19- Casimir Groblewski received approval for exterior architectural
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change (Windows and Doors). Certificate No. 2008C-48.

1556 Massachusetts Avenue: *map 48 lot 16-* Luis Melendez received approval for exterior architectural change (Chimney Cap). Certificate No. 2008C-49.

6 Oak Street: *map 14 lot 5-* Howard Bernstein received approval for exterior architectural change (Chimney Cap, Gutters, Storm Door, Generator). Certificate No. 2008C-50.

18 Bedford Street: *map 57 lot 73-* Susan Tiano was continued until the November 2008 hearing for exterior architectural change.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

926 Massachusetts Avenue-*map 22 lot 81* Michael Kuschel, Representing Patricia Thomas, was continued regarding exterior architectural change.

8 Vine Brook Road *map 48 lot 39-* Ram Raju, received approval for exterior architectural change (addition). Certificate No. 2008C-51.

1436 Massachusetts Avenue: *map 39 lot 59-* James Wong received approval for exterior architectural changes (walkway and lamppost). Certificate No. 2008C-52.

1965 Massachusetts Avenue *map 57 lot 8 -* Joseph Contarino requested to be continued until the November 2008 hearing regarding the hearing for exterior architectural change.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1707 Massachusetts Avenue: *map 48 lot 102-* Ashley N. Rollins presented plans for signage. She is ready for a formal hearing.

9 Muzzey Street: *map 49 lot 70A –* Bob Enik from Oakland Signs, representing Minute Shop, presented plans for signage. He is ready for a formal hearing.

NOVEMBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

1707 Massachusetts Avenue: *map 48 lot 102-* Ashley N. Rollins received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-53.

9 Muzzey Street: *map 49 lot 70A –* Bob Enik of Oakland Signs, representing Minute Shop, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2008C-54.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

21 Muzzey Street 2nd Floor: *map 49 lot 66-* Soraya Sadeghi, Esquire, Representing Barbara Graham, did not attend for signage. This applicant will need to reapply to proceed with this project.

36 Hancock Street *map 56 lot 39B -* Susan Bennett, received approval for exterior architectural change and signage (exterior color change of door) Certificate No. 2008C-55.

926 Massachusetts Avenue-*map 22 lot 81-* Michael Kuschel, Representing Patricia Thomas, did not attend the hearing. The applicant will need to reapply if they would like to proceed with this project.

1965 Massachusetts Avenue *map 57 lot 8 -* Joseph Contarino, regarding the hearing for exterior architectural change (porch and deck) did not attend the hearing.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1444 Massachusetts Avenue *map 40 lot 32-* Ronald Wallace, presented plans for replacing the front side entrance with a window. Mr. Wallace is ready for a formal hearing.

DECEMBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

884 Massachusetts Avenue *map 22 lot 76 –* David Kelland, received approval for exterior architectural change (re-roofing barn). Certificate No. 2008C-56.

1 Vine Brook Road *map 48 lot 78B –* Stewart Marshall, representing, Christian Johnson, received approval for exterior architectural changes (windows, trash enclosure, air conditioner condensers, rear steps, door) Certificate No. 2008C-57.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

502 Massachusetts Avenue *map 14 lot 4 –* Colin Smith, representing, Sepehr Sadeghi, received approval for exterior architectural change (house colors). Certificate No. 2008C-58.

1445 Massachusetts Avenue *map 48 lot 278 –* Peter Daus-Haberle, representing Robert and Jean Ricci received approval for exterior architectural change (door, air conditioner condenser, moving flood light). Certificate No. 2008C-59.

8 Vine Brook Road *map 48 lot 39-* Ram Raju, received approval for exterior architectural change (details for addition). Certificate No. 2008C-60.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1794 Massachusetts Avenue *map 49 lot 38 –* Peter Siy, representing Lexington Flicks, presented three new rear doors. He is ready for a formal hearing.

1837 Massachusetts Avenue *map 49 lot 8A–* Depot Square Gallery, presented idea for a sandwich board to be placed outside during special events. They are ready for a formal hearing. ■

Lexington Historical Commission

ROLE: To preserve and protect historically and architecturally significant buildings and sites in Lexington; to advise the Building Inspector about issuing demolition permits for significant buildings; to support efforts to nominate buildings for the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager for 3-year terms: Chair David Kelland, Marilyn Fenollosa, Wendall Kalsow, Frank Kern, and Sally Zimmerman.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Maintained the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey, at present nine volumes, which lists the historically and architecturally important buildings and areas in Lexington dating from the earliest period to 20th century. The Survey is available in the Cary Library and the Planning Office in the Town Office Building and is used by historians, students, homeowners and businesses, as well as real estate professionals for the added value of properties considered historically or architecturally significant. The Commission hired a consultant to revise and bring the Survey up-to-date over two years. When completed, the Survey and other descriptive material will be placed on the Commission's website. CPA funds are supporting the project.
- Maintained a page on the Town's website to provide information about the Survey and the demolition delay process, as well as providing links to important historic preservation organizations and resources.
- Maintained a Cumulative Index to facilitate the use of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey. This Index is available in the Planning Office and in the office of the Building Inspector as well as from the Commission. In 2007, the list was expanded to cover all the historic buildings in the Survey and in MHC records. All the buildings in the Survey are subject to a public hearing before demolition approval. A copy of each building's information form has been mailed to all of the 1720 buildings included to help homeowners understand the history of their house.
- Researched the history and architecture of several houses for which demolition applications had been presented. The Commission members, all volunteers, regularly consult with homeowners, builders and developers on questions of sensitive restorations of important buildings.
- Procedures for making presentations at public hearings before the Commission have been developed and are available to applicants.
- Guidelines for what constitutes demolition also have been developed. ■

Lexington Center Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen and business community on managing change in the Center in order to ensure its long-term viability, while preserving its historical significance and the integrity of adjacent neighborhoods.

APPOINTED by Board of Selectmen: Chair Jerold Michelson, Christopher Bateman, Frederic Johnson, Howard Levin, Carol Liff, Jeffrey Lyon, Pamela Lyons, Joe Rancatore, Pamela Shadley, Planning Board liaison Wendy Manz, and Selectman liaison George Brunell. Members with terms ending in 2008 include past Co-Chairs Jerome Smith and Sheila Watson; Elisabeth Harvey, Richard Pagett, Daphne Politis, Gant Redmon, and Joan Zahka..

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Worked with Economic Development Officer and DPW to plan and start third and fourth connectivity points from the Depot Lot. Plan included agreement with Lexington Historical Society for use of their property. As part of our Connectivity Action Plan, these are points necessary to increase parking effectiveness by use of better paths, lighting and landscaping between Town lots and Center.
- Worked with Transportation office on pilot program to adjust eight metered spaces in the Nstar lot to permitted spaces for use from selected Depot Lot permit holders.
- Working with multiple committees, reviewed Phase 1 brick sidewalks and installed Phase 2 brick sidewalk on



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Back: Howard Levin, Christopher Bateman, Joe Rancatore, Jerold Michelson; Chairman, Wendy Manz; Planning Board liaison, Fred Johnson; Front: Pam Lyons, Pam Shadley, Carol Liff.

the south side of Massachusetts Avenue from Michelson's Shoes to Crafty Yankee. Phase 3 project of Muzzey Street. delayed due to Town Meeting vote of expenditure.

- Continued to encourage citizens to support Lexington's businesses in order to maintain a vital town center.
- Worked with Doran's Greenhouses and the DPW to plant and maintain the flower barrels in the Center.
- Continued to communicate with DPW regarding needs of Center for upkeep and cleanliness, insuring effective use of resources. ■

Office of Community Development - Building Division

EXPENDITURES:	FY08	FY07
Payroll	\$320,169	\$297,556
Expenses	\$ 36,941	\$ 15,947

PERSONNEL		
Full Time	5	5
Part Time	3	3

ROLE: To enforce the State Building Code, Uniform State Plumbing and Gas Code, State Mechanical Code, State Electrical Code, Architectural Access Board Regulations, and Lexington Zoning Bylaws. This involves plan review, permit issuance, and inspection of all building, electrical, plumbing, gas and mechanical construction in the Town, including new structures, additions, alterations, and repairs.

Responsible for enforcing the State Architectural Access Board regulations involving handicapped accessibility to buildings and issues regarding such requirements.

The Sealer of Weights & Measures determines the accuracy of all weights and measuring devices in commercial and public use within the Town. At the present time, the Town contracts this service from the State.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Building Commissioner Garry Rhodes and a full-time Building Inspector, Inspector of Wires, Plumbing/Gas/ Mechanical Inspector, and a Zoning Administrator.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Permit activity continued at near record levels, with a total of 1195 building permits issued.
- Construction continues on a new mixed-use retail/residential building at 1720 Massachusetts Ave.
- Construction has been completed on Avalon at Lexington Square, a residential development of 387 units at the former site of Metropolitan State Hospital.
- Two new four-story hotels have been completed at 727 Marrett Road.
- Construction started on a new research/manufacturing building located at 400 Patriot Way.
- The demolition of existing houses and the construction of new larger houses on scattered sites continued. Permits were issued to demolish 75 existing houses, while 74 permits were issued for the construction of new single-family dwellings. ■

Total Permit Activity

Year	Bldg.	Elec.	Plumbing/ Gas	Reported Value of All Construction*	Single- Family	Multi- Family	Additions/ Alterations
2008	1195	1378	2223	\$99,676,710	74	16	762
2007	1083	1309	2280	\$105,168,093	57	0	315
2006	1156	1081	2239	\$113,223,211	59	400**	324
2005	1126	1332	2067	\$100,929,414	80	2	379
2004	1124	1170	1786	\$67,079,200	76	1	1047

*Actual construction valuation is higher

**Includes 387 units at Avalon at Lexington Square and 13 units at Jefferson Union

Explicit Breakdown of 2008 Building Permits

New Units – Residential	88	Repairs/Alterations	674
New Units – Commercial	3	Stoves	2
Additions – Residential	79	Swimming Pools	3
Demolition	75	Roofing/Siding	219
Miscellaneous	43	Garages/Carports	0
Decks	7	Sheds	2

Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS) and Hanscom Field Advisory Commission (HFAC)

ROLE of HATS: To represent the interests of the four towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln in matters pertaining to Hanscom Field and developments in the surrounding area, and to review and comment on proposed projects to State, Federal, and regional agencies.

APPOINTED to HATS by the Board of Selectmen to represent Lexington: Jeanne Krieger, Selectman; Stewart Kennedy, Conservation; and Margaret Coppe; by the Planning Board: Tony Galaitis, Planning Board. The HATS Chair rotates annually among the four towns. During 2008 Lincoln chaired HATS.

ROLE of HATS Environmental Sub-Committee (ES): To assist HATS with the review of environmental impacts associated with airport activities.

APPOINTED to HATSES by the Board of Selectmen to represent Lexington: Co-Chairs Julian Bussgang and Richard Canale.

ROLE of HFAC: To act as an advisory commission with regard to Hanscom Field for review of issues of land use, noise and transportation and to provide a forum for communications among the surrounding towns, the users of the airfield, and Massport in matters pertaining to Hanscom Field.

APPOINTED to HFAC by the Board of Selectmen to represent Lexington: Hank Manz, Selectman, with Michael Barrett serving as alternate. Grady Wheaton and Margaret Coppe represent Lexington neighborhood associations. Melodee Wagen filled the League of Women Voters position. Other members represent other communities and various interest groups. The position of Chair rotates among the four towns. HFAC was chaired in 2008 by Lexington.

HIGHLIGHTS: *Aviation*

Aircraft operations at Hanscom Airfield continue to decrease. In 2007 there were 165,907 operations, 3.8 % fewer than in 2006. A similar decline is expected for 2008. Despite the decrease in overall operations, business jet activity increased in both 2007 and 2008 and now contributes almost 86% of the civilian departure noise. Massport persists in pursuing ground-based expansion for corporate aviation. Massport is seeking to replace historic Hangar 24 with a 30,000 to 80,000 sq ft terminal and associated office space and ramp. Hangar 24, which once housed the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, the MIT Lincoln Laboratory and the Air Force Electronic Systems Command, is the site of significant aero technology discoveries including inertial navigation, the technology that paved the way for long-distance commercial aviation. Hangar 24's eligibility for the National Register triggers a series of concurrent federal and state reviews to mitigate the effects of the demolition of the Hangar. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the agency charged with conducting

the review process. At year-end the FAA issued draft findings indicating no significant impacts associated with demolition of the historic hangar. Massport has announced plans to develop the East Ramp for flight-based operations as well.

Although the number of aircraft operations is declining, the possibility of increased cargo operations with resulting truck traffic continues to be a concern. Trading aircraft operations for increased traffic on our roads may not be an attractive situation.

The promised online noise reporting system under development by Massport has not materialized nor has there been progress on a comprehensive approach to noise mitigation or reduction.

Land Development

Massport has been contacted by a group of investors seeking to place an aviation museum along Hartwell Drive, a proposal that has not benefited from review by the four towns. At a minimum, developments along the Battle road should be considered in the context of the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for the Battle Road Scenic Byway: Road to Revolutions. The Byway was designated by the General Court on November 6, 2006 to recognize, protect and enhance the unique historic, scenic, cultural and recreational resources along it. Preparing a Corridor Management Plan is the first step in meeting these goals. The corridor plan is meant to assist the four towns and the Minute Man National Historical Park in reaching agreement about how best to preserve the area's intrinsic resources while expanding economic opportunities, developing a balanced tourism industry, and accommodating future development. In an effort to ensure that local communities have a voice in planning in the four-town region, Lexington asked Rep. Jay Kaufman to refile legislation relative to Land Use at Hanscom Field.

Air Force Development

The four towns enthusiastically endorsed the efforts by Massachusetts officials to bring the headquarters of the Cyber Command to Hanscom. This new Air Force initiative is dedicated to managing response to, and prevention of, attacks on information networks. This program, which will enhance the mission of the base, fits ideally with the software industry in northeastern MA and the academic cluster surrounding the base. Decisions on the short list of bases designated as sites for the command headquarters were originally to occur in the fall of 2008, but the schedule has been delayed until the new administration takes office in 2009.

The Air Force engaged a new development contractor to complete base housing started by American Eagle. American Eagle went into bankruptcy, leaving Hanscom and three other bases with half-finished housing. To sweeten the offer

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to American Eagle's successor, the Air Force is considering opening 346 of the 795 units planned on the base to non-military personnel.

The Massachusetts Air National Guard has will be building their new headquarters in the east section of the base, near the former site of Cambridge Research labs. The project is phased. Phase 1, 100,000 sq ft, designed to house 281 personnel, is scheduled for a FY10 construction start.

Regional Developments

HATS monitored and commented on the zoning reform initiatives proposed by both MAPC and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development as

well as followed the efforts of the 128 Center Corridor Coalition to improve transit options, bring zoning rules into sync and create a unified system for mitigation efforts among the five corridor communities. Round-table discussions among the relevant board members of the four communities have proven an effective way to share information and expertise. Discussions during the year included such topics as:

- The Role of Historic District Commissions and Historic Commissions
- Affordable Housing Initiatives
- Efforts to Reduce Carbon Emissions
- Town Governance
- Parking Policy ■

Bicycle Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen and other Town boards and departments on issues that concern bicycling and related forms of human-powered transportation; to work with surrounding communities in developing a regional network of safe and efficient interconnections; and to promote these modes of travel as safe and healthful alternatives to the automobile.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Peggy Enders (beginning November 2008), Laurel Carpenter, John Frey, George Gagliardi, Marita Hartshorn, Stew Kennedy (Chair, January through October 2008), Abe Shenker, Mike Tabaczynski, and Jerry VanHook. Liaisons: Hank Manz, Selectmen; Sandra Shaw, Recreation; and Richard Canale, Planning. Honorary member: Jere Frick.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recommended to the Board of Selectmen that a pilot program be planned for the 2008-2009 snow season to plow snow on the Minuteman Bikeway in order to allow pedestrian and bicycle use of the Bikeway through the winter. The original proposal to the Selectmen was based on the successful experience in Arlington during the preceding winter. After several months' negotiation and discussion, a series of recommendations was developed with the Town and presented to and approved by the Selectmen at their November 24 meeting. The pilot proposal was approved by the Selectmen with the provision that funding for the trial year will be provided from private funding sources. Working closely with the Friends of Lexington Bikeways, a fund-raising effort is underway; as of this writing, donations have been enthusiastic and generous.
- Working closely with representatives from the Cambridge, Arlington, and Bedford bicycle committees, organized a "rolling celebration" on Sunday, October 5, to recognize the induction of the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway into the national Rail-Trail Conservancy's Hall of Fame – only the fifth trail in the country to receive this distinction. In collaboration with the Friends of Lexington Bikeways and with the help of the Citizens for Lexington Conservation,



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Seated L-R: John Frey, Sandra Shaw*, Marita Hartshorn*, Jere Frick, Betsey Whitman; Standing L-R: Jerry VanHook*, Abe Shenker*, George Gagliardi*, Laurel Carpenter*, Stew Kennedy*, Mike Tabaczynski*, Peggy Enders*, Richard Canale*, Bob Whitman. (*denotes current member)*

an afternoon celebration was organized on the Green next to the Visitors' Center. The proceeds from a raffle, made possible by donations from Lexington businesses and individuals, will help with bicycle advocacy and education programs in 2009. Featured speakers during the celebration included representatives from the Rails-to-Trails conservancy, MassBikes, and State government. A highlight of the afternoon was the recognition of the efforts of Bikeway founders Cathy Buckley Lewis, Tom Fortmann, and Allen McLennan.

- Organized volunteer help and conducted spring clean-up along the Lexington stretch of the Minuteman Bikeway. During July and early August, organized volunteer pruning and brush-cutting activities along the Bikeway. Continued light pruning and brush removal along the Bikeway and on

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the Town's other bike paths, as needed, throughout the year. Members served as primary stewards of their sections of the Bikeway, thus providing close scrutiny for problems throughout the year over the entire Lexington portion.

- Working with the Department of Public Works (DPW), identified and prioritized Bikeway maintenance needs for DPW. Fielded citizens' concerns about safety, visibility and signage along the Bikeway and coordinated with DPW to correct problems.
- Continued monitoring the usage and effects on traffic flow of the bike/pedestrian lanes on Hartwell Avenue through the year-long trial program ending in October, which resulted in the decision to continue maintenance of those lanes.
- With funding for materials from a 2007 grant under the State Recreational Trails Program, and in close cooperation with the Lexington Conservation Stewards, replaced an unsafe bridge over a branch of the Kiln Brook in Meagherville conservation area, rerouted trails and built four boardwalks totaling over 1,000 linear feet in the Lower Fine Brook conservation area. Also made repairs to several boardwalks in the Dunback and Parker Meadows conservation areas. Received notice that the grant application submitted under the 2008 Recreational Trails Program was approved by the State. This approval should permit trail improvements proposed for Willard's Woods, Hayden Woods, and Dunback Meadow to be carried out in 2009.
- Continued researching maps and doing site-walks in Town land and over easements leading to Town land, particularly near schools, as part of on-going efforts to identify and develop safe walking and bicycling routes for parents and school children.
- Continued active support on the West Lexington Greenway (WLG) Task Force. Working closely with

Conservation and Recreation, helped oversee the development, public review, and completion of the WLG Master Plan. Assisted in the near completion of the 25% design of the Minuteman Connector trail that, when completed, will connect the Minuteman Bikeway to the Minuteman National Historical Park Battle Road Trail.

- Working with the DPW and Recreation Department, and using funds from a State grant, succeeded in the installation of ten new bicycle racks in the Town center and at schools and recreational areas.
- In cooperation with bicycle committees in Bedford and Arlington, placed Town identification markers on bollards and gates along the Minuteman Bikeway.
- Continued outreach to other communities and groups working to establish bikeways and rails-to-trails conversions, leveraging our lessons learned from the hugely successful Minuteman Commuter Bikeway. Continued participation in the State legislature's Rails / Trails, Bicycle, Pedestrian caucus meetings, and participated in the State Executive Office of Transportation's update of plans for the statewide bicycling network, providing comments on the draft plan. Participated in the state-sponsored annual bicycling / pedestrian conference, Moving Together.
- Continued to support the Sidewalk Committee and the Traffic Mitigation Group by providing an active member as a liaison to each. Working collaboratively with these groups, guidelines are being developed for consideration by the Town to improve fog-line striping practices on major high-volume roads in accordance with current Massachusetts Highway design guidelines that would permit wider bicycle travel lanes as well as slow down traffic on these roads.
- Continued to provide close liaison with Conservation Stewards' work. ■

Lexington Housing Assistance Board (LexHAB)

ROLE: To expand the Town's inventory of affordable housing for rental to families of low and moderate income, to administer the condominium resale restrictions in place at Muzzey and elsewhere and to consult with Town Boards as to the affordable units to be provided in higher-density private housing developments. LexHAB has 59 dwelling units (plus a 60th under agreement) rented under one-year leases, consisting of 39 attached condominium units (10 one-bedrooms, 28 two-bedroom and 1 three-bedroom) in five developments and 19 scattered-site dwelling units (1 two-bedroom, 2 three-bedroom, and 10 four-bedroom single family homes, including 3 two-family, three-bedroom duplexes). Operating expenses together with capital improvements are covered by rents; no funds are provided under the Town's budget.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for 3-year overlapping terms: Chair William Hays, David Eagle, Gerald Howell, Donald Wilson, William Kennedy, Lester Savage and Martha Wood. Selectmen Liaison, Norman Cohen. Office Manager Joan Wall.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The three units in the Parker Manor Condominium noted in last year's report have all been rented; application of CPA funds to cover part of the purchase price is pending.
- Three additional units, also to be purchased in part with CPA funds, were placed under agreement. Two of these units were purchased before year-end and the closing on the third is pending. These units consist of:
 - A one-bedroom unit in the Emerson Gardens Condominium,
 - A three-bedroom dwelling on Ross Road (closing pending),
 - A single-family house (to be removed, and a Cape Cod style, three-bedroom expandable house constructed via the pre-existing partnership between LexHAB, the Lexington Rotary Club and the Minuteman Regional Vocational School) at 300 Woburn Street. ■

Lexington Housing Partnership

ROLE: To promote and support affordable housing activities and to recommend appropriate actions to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. No funds come from the Town's budget.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Bob Bicknell, Vice-Chair Ken Kreutziger, Secretary Harriet Cohen; Jeri Foutter, William Carlson, Julie Duncan, Chris Kluchman, Florence Baturin, Mary Haskell, Thomas Harden, Arthur Katz, Betsey Weiss, Iris Wheaton, Winifred McGowan, Paul Linton, Lisa Snellings, Martha Wood (LexHAB), Melinda Walker (Lexington Housing Authority), Wendy Manz (Planning Board); Selectman liaison: Norman Cohen; Conservation Commission liaison: Richard Wolk; Council on Aging liaison: Betty Borghesani.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Supported efforts to create and adopt a Special Permit Residential Development Zoning bylaw to include Public Benefit Developments which would provide 10% of the units as affordable housing.
- Provided a representative to the newly formed Lexington Emergency Housing Committee which will aid those in Lexington with acute housing needs.
- Supported, with LexHAB, the application of CPA funds for a consultant to survey other municipalities in Massachusetts and develop the basis for a Lexington Homebuyer Assistance Program. With LexHAB, selected a consultant and managed the consultant's work on this project.
- Distributed a report from Karen Sunnarborg Consulting titled: "Affordable Homebuyer Assistance Programs – Survey of Other Massachusetts Municipal Programs."
- Promoted the addition of an Affordable Housing Specialist to Lexington personnel resources.



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Seated, from left to right: Tom Harden, Chris Kluchman, Bob Bicknell, Harriet Cohen, Ken Kreutziger, Mary Haskell. Standing, from left to right: Betsey Weiss, Florence Baturin, Winifred McGowan, Paul Linton, Iris Wheaton, Melinda Walker, Juli Duncan, Arthur Katz.

Condo Conversion Board

ROLE: To hold public hearings and make recommendations regarding conversions of existing apartment complexes to condominiums upon filings and notice by apartment owners of intention to convert.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair John J. McWeeney, Jackie Hawkinson, and Albert Zabin

There were no conversions proposed in 2008. We had several inquiries by homeowners looking to convert existing dwellings who were advised that the committee only had interest in existing rental properties over 4 units. The Committee had no meetings. No funds were expended by the Committee. ■

- Created a sub-committee to educate the public about Lexington's revised Accessory Apartment bylaw and to promote its use.
- Maintained operation of a website at www.LexingtonHousingPartnership.org to identify programs and opportunities for affordable housing in Lexington.
- Added information on all sites in town that provide affordable rental housing to the web site.
- Continued land use studies to locate possible land in Lexington that could be used for affordable housing.
- Supported the Planning Department's roundtable discussions related to the production and development of affordable housing. Assisted in developing a "housing strategy" from these discussions. Participated in an open discussion of the need for affordable homeownership in addition to affordable rental opportunities in Lexington. ■

Conservation Commission

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll	\$122,000....	\$101,015
Expenses	\$ 10,458....	\$ 5,555
PERSONNEL		
Full Time	2	2
Part Time	0	0

ROLE: To administer and enforce the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, s.40) and the Wetland Protection Code of the Town of Lexington (Chapter 130; formerly Lexington General Bylaw Article XXXII); to promote and develop natural resources; to protect the Town's three watersheds and associated waterways and wetlands; to acquire and manage open land for passive recreation; to create buffers; and to provide corridors for wildlife. The Commission's responsibilities include performing site visits; holding hearings and meetings with applicants, abutters, property managers, State and Town boards, committees, and subcommittees; issuing permits; managing conservation areas; protecting waterways and wetlands; and educating the public.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager with the approval of the Selectmen for overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Joyce Miller, Vice-Chair Philip Hamilton, Angela Frick, David Langseth, Duke Bitsko, Richard Wolk, and Stewart Kennedy. Associate Commissioners: Don Kozak, Community Gardens; David Williams, Land Acquisition; Susan Solomon, Tree Bylaw Committee (all former commissioners); and Kay Tiffany, Hanscom Area Towns Committee. Longtime Commissioner Angela Frick

announced her resignation in December. Staff: Director of Community Development/Conservation Administrator, Karen Mullins, and Conservation Assistant, Emily Schadler as of September 2008 (Adam Bossi resigned in May 2008).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reviewed and acted on 27 Notices of Intent, 3 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, 35 Requests for Determinations, 7 Requests for Amendments to Orders of Conditions, 12 Extension Permits, 17 Certificates of Compliance, 10 Enforcement Orders/Violations and 8 Conservation Restriction drafts (2 approved and 1 amended). Held 131 public hearings and performed over 600 on-site inspections and monitoring for these and all other on-going projects.
- Retained the services of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), a multi-disciplinary planning, landscape architecture and engineering firm, to complete the West Lexington Greenway Master Plan study per appropriated Community Preservation Act funds. Planning efforts between VHB, the task force, and staff have been ongoing throughout the year, and a final plan is nearing completion.
- Retained the services of VHB to update Lexington's out-of-date Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). The OSRP inventories and documents the Town's public- and privately-owned open space and recreation amenities, problem areas and opportunities. The document will also identify open space and recreation goals of the community and present a 5-year action plan for achieving the goals. A draft plan was provided to Town staff and sev-

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Front row Left to Right: Angela Frick, Joyce Miller – Chair, Karen Mullins – Conservation Administrator, Louise Vinci – Secretary; Back Row Left to Right: David Langseth, Philip Hamilton – Vice-chair, Duke Bitsko, Stewart Kennedy, Richard Wolk.

eral boards and committees in November for first-round comments and revisions prior to seeking public comments in January 2009.

- Developed a Watershed Stewardship Program in partnership with the Engineering Division. A task force, consisting of Engineering and Conservation Division staff and interested volunteer stewards, was created in September to establish steps and procedures for implementation of a Find-it-and Fix-it stream-survey project. The Task Force met five times from September to December and developed a framework to implement a pilot in May 2009 for the stream survey project. The goal of the stream-survey project is to find locations where drainage is impaired and to fix the impairments by scheduling them as capital improvement projects in order to secure necessary funds to improve.
- Assisted the Department of Engineering in the fifth year of implementation of the Town's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater General Permit Notice of Intent for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems to comply with federal permit requirements under the NPDES Stormwater Program. The key elements of the Notice of Intent include incorporating best management practices for six minimum controls (public education/outreach, public participation/involvement, illicit discharge detection/elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction stormwater management, and pollution prevention/good house-keeping for municipal operations), establishing measurable goals and a 5-year schedule for achieving goals, and designating responsible party(ies). The new permit requirements for the next 5 years is awaiting issuance by the Environmental Protection Agency, but the initial word is a major component of the permit will be improving water quality by requiring outfall monitoring.
- Accepted a Conservation Restriction granted by John Bertucci and Richard S. Chute, Trustees of Hill Street No. 50 Nominee Trust, on certain parcels of land on Robinson Hill constituting approximately 12.16 acres. The purpose of the restriction is to maintain the parcels in perpetuity for conservation purposes, predominately in a natural, scenic and undeveloped condition and preserve and protect the lands values including regional watersheds, diverse habitat, scenic beauty and views of Robinson Hill.
- Monitored permit compliance at the following major sites (on-going): former Metropolitan State Hospital redevelopment/Avalon Bay Communities Avalon at Lexington Hills, Brookhaven, Starwood Hotel/aloft and Element

Hotels (Sheraton), Pine Meadow Farm, Patriot Partners (Raytheon), Lexington Department of Public Works Facility, Shemin Nurseries, Youville Place, and 440 Bedford Street.

- Members represented the Conservation Commission to the following committees: Community Preservation Committee, Lexington Housing Partnership Committee, Minuteman Bicycle Advisory Committee, Senior Center Siting Committee, Tree Bylaw Committee, and Middlesex County Land Use Task Force.
- Managed more than 1340 acres of conservation land with the help of volunteer Land Stewards, Eagle Scouts, and the Department of Public Works. Approved the following Eagle Scout projects: bike path trail improvements at Willard's Woods, bat houses in Willard's Woods, pedestrian path improvements on Page Road, and path improvements between Baskin Road and Lincoln Park. Coordinated a core group of active Land Stewards referred to as Land Steward Directors to provide assistance in managing conservation areas and promoting conservation areas. Sponsored Ron McAdow, Executive Director of Sudbury Valley Trustees, to conduct a presentation about wildlife in the region's conservation areas based on his experience using motion-triggered cameras at the Annual Fall Land Stewardship meeting.
- Secured Lexington's second Department of Conservation and Recreation Recreational Trails Grant/Challenge Grant, through the assistance of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, to fund supplies and materials to construct bridges, boardwalks, and trails at Meagherville and Lower Vine Brook Conservation Areas, and held Work Days for volunteers to do the construction.
- Awarded a third Department of Conservation and Recreation Recreational Trails Grant/Challenge Grant for 2008, through the assistance of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, to fund supplies and materials to construct bridges, boardwalks, and trails at Hayden Woods and Willard's Woods Conservation Areas.
- Continued to provide a high level of service, pursuant to State and Town wetland laws, as in prior years. Increased development, including additions and major "tear downs", usually has a severe effect on adjacent brooks and streams. Runoff from roofs, driveways, and fertilized lawns are the major causes of stream pollution and flooding because all drainage is directed to the nearest waterway. To help minimize development effects, especially in environmentally sensitive areas, the Commission continued to approach landowners to encourage them to preserve their open land by donating or selling it to the Town or by placing it under a conservation restriction. ■

Community Preservation Committee

ROLE: To review and recommend Community Preservation Act (CPA) projects for open space, affordable housing, historic preservation, and recreation submitted to the CPC for Town Meeting's approval. Town Meeting has the final vote on all CPA projects.

The CPA statute permits the Town to impose a surcharge of up to 3% of the real estate tax levy, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors, which will be matched by state funds in varying proportions (currently 67.6% in the first round of funding). The funds so raised may be used for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resources; the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use; the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing; and the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use, and community housing that is acquired or created with CPA funds. CPA funds may not be used for routine maintenance or operating costs. The statute requires that at least 10% of the annual expenditures be used or reserved for open space and land acquisition, 10% for historic preservation, and 10% for affordable housing. The remaining 70% may be applied across these initiatives, as well as for acquiring, preserving, and creating land for recreational use.

Voters approved the CPA at a 3% surcharge level at the annual town election in 2006. The first state match was received on October 12, 2007 for \$2,556,362, which was a 100% state match. This year, the Town received \$1,927,708 in state matching funds, which represented a 69.39% match. (The first round of funding was at 67.6% as noted above. Lexington received an additional 1.79% in a second round of funding due to the fact that the Town has a 3% CPA surcharge.)

All property-owning residents receive an annual \$100,000 exemption from the surcharge on the assessed valuation of their real estate, and households in Town that qualify for low-to moderate-income housing are entitled to a full abatement of the CPA surcharge.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the terms of the CPA, for terms expiring on June 30, 2009: Chair Betsey Weiss (Housing Partnership), Vice-Chair Marilyn Fenollosa (Historical Commission), Richard



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Top Row from Left: Joel Adler, appointment at large, by the Selectmen; Jeanne Krieger, appointment at large, by the Selectmen; Leo McSweeney, Housing Authority; Dick Wolk, Conservation Commission; Nadie Rice, Administrative Assistant; Norman Cohen, appointment at large, by the Selectmen. Front Row from Left: Wendy Manz, Planning Board; Sandra Shaw, Recreation; Marilyn Fenollosa, Historical Commission; Betsey Weiss, Housing Partnership.

Wolk (Conservation Commission), Leo McSweeney (Housing Authority), Wendy Manz (Planning Board), Sandra Shaw (Recreation Committee), Joel Adler (at-large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen), and Norman Cohen (at-large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen). Richard Pagett (at-large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen) resigned from the Committee in May. Jeanne Krieger (at-large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen) was appointed in June to a 3-year term.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Met regularly to review and consider applications for funding and held two public hearings in 2008 (November 13 and December 11) as required by law.
- Reviewed and recommended fourteen projects for consideration at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting. Town Meeting approved all projects: \$25,000 to survey and define an Affordable Housing Homebuyer Assistance Program survey, \$9,850 for removal and replacement of Belfry Hill trees to preserve Belfry Hill, \$600,000 for the restoration of the Hancock-Clarke House, \$55,000 for preservation of the gatehouse/outlet structure at the Old Reservoir, \$158,686 for window replacement in support of affordable housing at Vynebrook Village, \$150,000 for the preservation of the Town archives and records, \$652,800 for the purchase of three Parker Manor

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Condominiums for affordable housing rental units, \$75,000 for the construction of a new preschool playground at the Harrington School, \$330,000 for the rehabilitation of the mechanical systems at the Old Harrington School, \$95,000 for the rehabilitation and replacement of gutters and windows at the Town Office Building, Cary Memorial Building, and the Police Station, \$47,500 for the rehabilitation and installation of storm windows and air conditioning at the East Lexington Fire Station, \$70,000 for the construction of ADA accessible bathrooms with appropriate signage for the Town Office Building, \$80,000 for the preparation of a pre-rehabilitation building use study and renovation design for the Town Office Building, and \$579,550 for the installation of a fire suppression system to preserve the Munroe School Building. Town Meeting also approved \$50,000 for administrative expenses.

- Reviewed and recommended two projects for consideration at the 2008 Special Fall Town Meeting. Town Meeting approved both projects: \$181,517 for the purchase of two parcels of open space (and their associated legal and planning costs) for conservation purposes, and \$35,135 for supplemental funding for the Harrington Preschool Playground construction project.
- Organized a Community Preservation Coalition training session June 5 for Town staff and committees.
- Reviewed and updated the CPC Needs Assessment Report to assist in project development and analysis.
- Maintained and updated the CPC Town website page.
- Hired a part-time Administrative Assistant to assist the CPC.

Reviewed 15 projects in preparation of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. These projects will be voted on by the CPC in early 2009 for recommendation to the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. The projects are the following:

- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – support of affordable housing through roof replacements at Greeley Village and the purchase of three properties at various sites for affordable housing rental units.
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION** – preparation of a historic structure report for Munroe Tavern, supplemental funding for the preservation of the Town records and archives, supplemental funding for the Cary Memorial Building vault climate control system, funding for the restoration and repair of the Cary Hall roof, preparation of pre-rehabilitation design and engineering documents plus construction funds for the Town Office Building interior renovations, preparation of a pre-rehabilitation needs study for interior renovations to the Police Station, preparation of pre-rehabilitation design and engineering documents for the Stone Building renovation, preparation of pre-rehabilitation design and engineering documents for the interior renovation and redesign at the Fire Station Headquarters, and funding for open space acquisition planning fees.
- **OPEN SPACE** – land acquisition to preserve open space.
- **RECREATION** – preservation of the Center Playfield through drainage improvements, preservation of the Old Reservoir through storm water mitigation improvements, and preservation of the Pine Meadows golf course through pond and drainage improvements. ■

Office of Community Development — Regulatory Support

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$149,559....	\$121,347
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 9,874....	\$ 34,374
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	4	4

ROLE: To provide administrative support to the Building, Health and Conservation Departments and to the Community Development boards and commissions, including the Zoning Board of Appeals and Historic Districts Commission, and coordinate their daily operations. The staff, comprised of an Office Manager and three Department Clerks, schedules and coordinates hearings, sets agenda, processes applications and per-

mits, inputs data into access databases, maintains files, circulates petitions among Town boards and officials, prepares meeting notices, agendas and minutes, determines and notifies abutters, assists at flu clinics and hazardous waste collections, communicates with the public, attends meetings, performs payroll and accounts payable functions, makes daily deposits, and files all final documentation.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Office Manager Ann Belliveau, Department Clerks Amy Casparius, Dianne Cornaro, and Louise Vinci

HIGHLIGHTS:

Please see Building Division, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Appeals and Historic Districts Commission. ■

Traffic Mitigation Group

ROLE: To coordinate review of traffic-related issues resulting from new development and oversee implementation of mitigation activities. Working with input from other Town committees, to identify priority areas for transportation improvements, negotiate traffic mitigation measures as part of project review process, and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen pertaining to expenditures for mitigation commitments. To administer contracts for mitigation projects and monitor execution of Transportation Demand Management plans.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen for a length of term consistent with members' applicable Board or Committee term length: Arthur Smith, Board of Appeals; Richard Canale, Planning Board; Jeanne Krieger, Board of Selectmen; Dave Cannon, Christine McVay, Gail Wagner, and Susan Yanofsky, Town staff. Ancillary reviewers: Laura Cecere, Elaine Dratch, Sudhir Murthy, and Jerry Van Hook.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Regional TDM/Route 128 Central Corridor Coalition - Lexington hosted a regional meeting to promote inter-town traffic management, as it pertains to commercial development along Route 128. Burlington, Lexington, Lincoln, Waltham and Weston participated.
- Massachusetts Avenue from Marrett Road to Pleasant Street - Appropriated Traffic Mitigation Funds for a traffic study of the area.



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Seated Left to Right Richard Canale, Christine McVay, Jeanne Krieger, Chair; Standing Left to Right Elaine Dratch, David Cannon, Gail Wagner, Arthur Smith, Susan Yanofsky, John Livsey.

- Ledgesmont TDM proposal - Reviewed terms of traffic mitigation proposal negotiated between the Town and Beal Corporation.
- Contributed to development of a Town Traffic Calming Policy.
- Discussed improvements were discussed during the monthly meetings for the following: Marrett Road/Waltham Street intersection, Massachusetts Avenue intersections at Maple Street and Pleasant Street, Hartwell Avenue, Waltham Street crosswalk near Waltham line, Concord Avenue sidewalks adjacent to Lexington Square. ■

128 Central Corridor Coalition (128C3)

ROLE: Representatives from the five communities of Lexington, Lincoln, Waltham, Weston and Burlington have entered into a memorandum of understanding to seek creative ways to ensure corridor mobility, improve capacity for sustainable economic development, and secure infrastructure which both supports economic development and respects and protects local roadways and character. The coalition seeks feasible measures to address the impacts of development projects' increased traffic volumes on local and state roadways. The principle thrust will be to reduce single occupancy trips within the corridor.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen to represent Lexington: Jeanne Krieger

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Seeking funding for a corridor study to look at key issues regarding transportation, standardizing traffic mitigation measures, and funding mitigation of development impacts at the regional level.
- Formation of a 128C3 caucus by State representatives and senators from the initial four founding communities.
- Initial discussions of relocating the Weston commuter rail station to create a multi-modal center in Waltham/Weston. ■

Fence Viewers

ROLE: To arbitrate fencing disputes, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 49, Sections 1-21.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair David J. Buczkowski, Secretary Robert D. Warshawer, William B. Simmons

HIGHLIGHTS:

2008 was a relatively busy one for the Fence Viewers. They

received five requests to arbitrate partition or spite fences and stone walls.

- In March a hypothetical question was presented on internal, historic stone walls on a large property that was being developed. An advisory opinion was rendered and nothing further was heard from the inquirer.

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- A matter in East Lexington also arose in March regarding earthwork that was threatening a boundary fence. Advice was provided about different methods of resolving the issue and nothing more was heard beyond the initial inquiry.
- In June, a considerate citizen inquired about set backs on his oddly-shaped lot so as not to disrupt his neighbors in the Prospect Hill area. An informal site view was made and ultimately, a fence was installed without incident.
- Also in June, an inquiry was received regarding the maintenance of a boundary fence wholly on one neighbor's land. Apparently the fence was in need of painting. The gentleman was informed of terms the law required for his situation.
- In September a call was received regarding an alleged spite fence built next to a house undergoing construction. This matter involved numerous telephone calls and an informal site visit. No hearing was held, as the fence appeared to be legally in conformance. The complaining party was advised to seek legal counsel, as there were other issues



L-R: David Buczkowski, Robert Warshawer. Missing: Bill Simmons.

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between the abutters that were beyond the scope of the Fence Viewers' authority. ■

Lexington Housing Authority

ROLE: To provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low-moderate income individuals and families; to work with residents and the community to improve living standards for the poor.

ELECTED to 5-year terms: Chairman Leo McSweeney, Vice-Chair Melinda Walker, Treasurer Nicholas Santosuosso, Assistant Treasurer Leona Martin

APPOINTED: Executive Director Ann Whitney appointed by the Board of Commissioners; Commissioner Robert Peters appointed by the Governor.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Administered 340 units of State and Federal affordable and low-income housing for elderly, families, handicapped, Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers, and MRVP project-based vouchers.
- Designated a High Performer by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Awarded CPA funds to replace windows at Greeley Village; project should be completed early 2009.
- Awarded CPA funds to replace windows at Vynebrook Village; project should start in the Spring of 2009.
- Awarded grant by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to replace kitchen cabinets at Countryside Village; project will be complete by year-end.



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Robert D. Peters, Commissioner Nicholas Santosuosso, Treasurer Ann C. Whitney, Executive Director Leo P. McSweeney, Chairman; Seated are: Leona W. Martin, Asst. Treasurer Melinda Walker, Vice-Chairman.

- Participating in the state-wide centralized Section 8 Housing Choice voucher waiting list which gives applicants opportunity to receive vouchers from other communities.

Local residents are encouraged to apply for affordable housing. Applications and locations of the LHA developments can be found at www.lexingtonhousingauthority.org. ■

SOCIAL SERVICES

Human Services Department

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY 07
<i>Council on Aging Services.</i>	\$117,508	\$124,800
<i>COA Expenses</i>	\$ 92,405	\$ 88,817
<i>Youth Services</i>	\$ 32,250	\$ 50,265
<i>Developmentally Disabled.</i>	\$ 14,839	\$ 14,839
<i>Human/Veteran's Payroll..</i>	\$ 27,111	\$ 29,332
<i>Human/Veteran's Expenses</i>	\$ 20,718	\$ 23,836
PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	6	6
<i>Part Time</i>	7	7

ROLE: To provide a variety of social services to the community including: direct client services, outreach, information and referrals related to basic needs, financial counseling and assistance, housing information, veterans services, promotion of health and well-being, advocacy, educational programs, family support, cultural programs and recreational programs for residents of all ages and backgrounds. In collaboration with other Town and School departments, community groups and government agencies, the Human Services Department identifies areas of need and provides appropriate programs and services in a caring and professional manner that respects the dignity of all individuals served.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Director Charlotte Rodgers, October, 2008

The Human Services Department is located in the Lexington Senior Center at 1475 Massachusetts Avenue in the Muzzey Condominium building. In addition to senior-specific services and programming, the Department also provides services to youth and families. The Senior Center is accessible for persons with disabilities.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reorganized the Social Services Department to become the Human Services Department; staffing includes the Director of Human Services and three Assistant Directors in the areas of Human and Family Services, Youth Services and Senior Services. This reorganization has resulted in the development of a "clinical team" model which can provide a continuum of outreach, information and referral, support and mental health services to the Lexington community.
- Coordinated the Senior Health Outreach Program, which provides limited nursing consultation and wellness visits to frail or homebound elderly Lexington residents. The Senior Health Outreach Program provides weekly blood pressure and health screenings and serves as a resource to seniors and their families.
- Provided outreach and advocacy services to approximately 2500 individuals.

- The Adult Supportive Day Care Program provided support and respite services for 55 individuals and their families. In June, the Council on Aging Board completed its review of this program and presented recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Due to a trend toward decreasing attendance, the program returned to a 4 day per week schedule, effective in September. Evaluation of this program is ongoing.
- The Senior Tax Work Program enrolled 31 eligible homeowners. These seniors gave 2095 hours of service to a variety of municipal departments in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bill.
- Continued financial support of programs at Central Middlesex Association for Retarded Citizens.
- Volunteers trained by AARP provided over 300 hours of service to seniors in need of tax preparation assistance.
- Provided health benefits counseling to 228 seniors and families with SHINE counselor/volunteers trained by Minuteman Senior Services.
- Worked in cooperation with Minuteman Senior Services to provide 4504 daily lunches at the Senior Center and deliver 16,567 Meals on Wheels. Assisted with the implementation of a new caterer for the daily lunch program — the meals are now catered by the chef at Youville Place, Lexington.
- Managed the day-to-day operations of the Lexington Senior Center. Expanded program offerings by professionals and volunteers in such areas as: finance, health and wellness, physical fitness, the arts, literature, local, national and international government discussion groups, dance, music, travel, day trips, computer education, films, history, cultural education and a variety of recreation activities.
- Mailed a monthly Senior Services newsletter to all Lexington residents age 60 years or older.
- Provided an access point for individuals and families in need of fuel assistance (through Community Teamwork, Inc.), property tax or water and sewer bill assistance, and financial assistance. Financial assistance is through the Human Services Fund and the Fund for Lexington.
- Provided staff support and coordination to the Council on Aging Board, the Friends of the Council on Aging, the Human Services Committee, the Commission on Disability, the Selectmen's Tax Exemption and Abatements Committee and the Youth Services Council.
- Celebrated and recognized the contributions of over 120 volunteers who work throughout the Human Services Department and the Lexington Senior Center.
- With the Lions Club, celebrated the presentation of the Minuteman Cane Award to Barbara Ciampa, for her many years of dedicated service to the Town of Lexington. The event was held at The Depot. ■

Council on Aging

ROLE: As an advisory committee to the Department of Social Services, recommends policies to support and advocate for seniors with regard to their changing social, educational and health-related needs.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Marian Cohen, Vice-Chair Paul Lapointe, Betty Borghesani, Shirley Buck, Marilyn Campbell, Bob Edwards, Dan Fenn, Leo McSweeney, Frieda Oliner, Jane Pagett, Jane Trudeau. Hank Manz liaison from the Council from the Board of Selectmen.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The firm of Bargmann, Hendrie + Archetype, Inc. conducted a feasibility study for a new Senior Center using the White House site. The process involved an inventory of space needs, accumulation and presentation of data, interviews with key personnel and a timeline/schedule for completion of a two-building model using the White House and the Muzzey building.
- A subcommittee of the Council on Aging conducted an evaluation study of the Adult Supportive Day Program, including an analysis of programming, cost, and operation.
- Supported and provided input to the reorganization of the Social Services Department undertaken by the Town Manager and his Assistant. In the new scheme, areas of

responsibility fall under three assistant managers: Family/Human Services, Youth Services and Senior Services. A Director of Human Services has oversight responsibility over all three areas. Several members from the Council on Aging have participated in staff search processes to fill these positions.

- Collaboration between the Council on Aging and the Munroe Center for the Arts led to several classes/projects being offered for seniors at the Senior Center as well as to enrichment of programming at the Adult Supportive Day Program by providing art activities for day program participants.
- Adopted a new set of Policies and Procedures.
- Established several subcommittees: Programming; Marketing and Public Relations; Community Outreach; Financial.
- “Lexington Remembers,” cable TV programs developed by LexMedia, aired several programs on local TV of relevance to seniors. The programs were designed and delivered by members of the Council.
- The Town Manager’s Task Force on Capital Projects concluded that the Monroe School building was a possible site for a new senior center. At a fall Special Town Meeting, funding for the study was voted down by the membership. ■

Commission on Disability

ROLE: To ensure that people with disabilities are fully integrated into all aspects of the Town and can fully participate seamlessly and without barriers. The Commission makes recommendations concerning the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) within the Town. Members review and recommend Town policies as they affect those with disabilities, and provide information, guidance, and technical assistance to individuals and agencies.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Victoria Buckley, Susan Cusack, Charles Burt Cole, Hank Manz, Michael Martignetti, Leonard Morse-Fortier, Janet Perry, and Francine Stieglitz. Staffed by Town Building Commissioner, Garry Rhodes.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Became better informed concerning new projects and any pertinent ADA issues by regular involvement of the Building Commissioner, Garry Rhodes, which has helped the Commission be more involved earlier in the planning process. This is crucial in reaching one of the Commission’s long-term goals of becoming more pro-active.
- Provided ongoing feedback about the pilot sidewalk strip in the Center, especially in terms of cross-slope measurements, via presentations at the Board of Selectmen’s meet-

ings and discussions with DPW. Will help assess how the surface fares over the winter. Collaborated with other Town committees (including Design Advisory Committee, Historic Districts Commission, Lexington Center Committee, Sidewalk Committee, and Tree Committee) regarding the construction of this pilot strip.

- Made a position statement in Town Meeting about Center sidewalks, recommending the need for having a budget line item for sidewalk maintenance in order to maintain compliance.
- Worked with other Town committees and businesses on projects concerning access issues. Reviewed plans for renovations to the Hancock-Clarke House to make this historical site more accessible for all. Identified a sidewalk problem at the police station, which was remedied quickly. Also made recommendations about Fiske School pathway, Center connectivity plan, and walkway to Massachusetts Avenue from the new hotel complex of Aloft and Element.
- Continued to develop plans for future changes by prioritizing the list of public buildings that still need to be renovated for ADA compliance, focusing on safe entry, paths

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of travel, and restroom access, so that all Town public buildings will be fully accessible.

- Presented at the League of Women Voters “First Friday Forum” about what constitutes a disability, what the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) means, what reasonable accommodations are, what the Town’s Commission on Disability is and what the Commission’s purpose is.
- Continued to investigate how to balance the needs of the disabled with historical preservation concerns.
- Discussed the need to become part of the approval check-

off process for applications for Common Victualler Licenses and building permits.

- Defined the Commission’s challenges for the future as being:
- Continued disability advocacy and education in order to raise Lexington’s consciousness about the rights of the disabled to ensure full and seamless inclusion for all citizens in Town events, programs, and projects;
- The promotion of universal design principles for all Town construction projects in order to help Town become more welcoming to all citizens and visitors. ■

Human Services Committee (HSC)

ROLE: To review the provision of social services to citizens of Lexington and to assess their adequacy, and to make policy and program recommendations to the Board of Selectmen about new or amended services.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair William Blout, Mimi Ballard, Barbara Ciampa, Sarah Conklin, Lea Gardiner Elkin, Pamela Joshi, Ellen McDonald, Herbert Wassermann, and Selectmen Liaison Norman Cohen. Staffed by the Director of Human Services.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In February 2008 the Human Services Committee recommended to the Selectmen that the Social Services Department be re-structured into a broader, more fully integrated “Human Services Department” with the addition of staffing directed services to youth and families, as well as seniors. Several key vacancies within the Social Services Department presented an ideal opportunity for this proposed change.
- Throughout the spring the Committee researched staffing, structure and funding of comparable departments in surrounding communities. The Committee found that all communities supported at least some youth and family services, and that most communities provided an integrated approach using interns and other human service resources of the Town.
- In June the Committee urged the Selectmen and Town Manager to change the structure of the Social Services Department by hiring an over-all Director of Human Services, an Assistant Director of Youth and Family Services, an Assistant Director of Senior Services and a youth outreach position. The Committee recommended maintaining the staffing and structure of the senior services, but proposed a more flexible and integrated approach involving shared staffing and resources. The HSC also recommended that the department director be a licensed independent social worker, a highly skilled, experienced clinician and administrator who, along with the assistant directors, could supervise graduate-level interns. Finally the Committee recommended that the staff be located in a Town building, separate from the Senior Center.



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Back row from left to right: Ellen McDonald, Charlotte Rogers (Director of Human Services), Mimi Ballard, Lea Gardner Elkin, Herbert Wasserman; Front row left to right: Emily Lavine (Assistant Director of Human Services), William Blout, Barbara Ciampa. Not pictured are: Pamela Joshi and Norman Cohen (Selectmen Liaison).

- On July 29, 2008 the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and the Selectmen proposed a far-reaching restructuring plan for the Town’s social services department that incorporated most of the HSC’s recommendation and more. In addition to an overall Director of Human Services, the plan called for three assistant directors of youth services, family and adult services, and senior services respectively as well as two half-time positions of youth and senior program coordinators.
- In the fall the Committee focused its efforts on helping to implement the new plan. Several members of the Committee served on the hiring committee for the assistant directors. The Committee began working with the new Human Services Director to foster better coordination among town committees and other groups involved in human services and to develop a plan for broadening and integrating existing and new services. ■

Lexington Youth Commission



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Standing L-R: Doug Lucente, Eric Simmons, Colleen Mullen, Mark McCullough Jr., Kyleigh Williams, Cameron MacNeil, Garrett Johnson, Andrew Walsh, Brandon Taranto, Joey Hankins, Beverly Kelley; Seated L-R: Emily Wilson, Alicia DiFronzo, Rachel MacNeil, Amy Solomon, Brandon Battite, Lilli Janney, Jacquelyn O'Connor, Shannon Maloney.

ROLE: To provide and promote community service activities for the Town's high school students.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Douglas Lucente, Adult Advisors: Beverley Kelley, Sean Maloney, Robert Litchfield and Shannon Maloney.

APPOINTED by LYC Chair: President Joey Hankins, Vice-President Rachel Villari, Secretary Alicia DiFronzo, Treasurer Eric Simmons, Team Captains Garrett Johnson, Rachel MacNeil, Amy Solomon and David Maestri; Youth Members Brandon Battite, Jillian Carlson, Marissa Douvas, Greg Duperey, Lauren Heyda, Lilli Janney, Ana Kouri, Ned Lehman, Ian Lyons, Mark McCullough Jr., Cameron MacNeil, Colleen Mullen, Jacquelyn O'Connor, Seth Politi, Luke Politi, John Rancatore, Brandon Taranto, Andrew Walsh, Kyleigh Williams, Emily Wilson and Craig Wood.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Presented and donated a Town Bench located at the LYC Island in Honor of retiring Chair Nancy Barter after 26 years of service to LYC.
- Cared for the LYC Island by planting flowers and doing the spring and fall clean up.
- Sold candy to raise funds to donate to the Lexington Food Pantry
- Delivered Thanksgiving turkey dinners to Lexington families in need.
- Held December fundraiser for needy children in Lexington.
- Served COA Holiday Dinners in February and December.
- Helped decorate the Town center for Halloween.

- Worked with the students from the Coting School to decorate cookies and donate to a local nursing home.
- Participated in Patriots' Day festivities and coordinated the Outstanding Youth Award. ■



Nancy Barter, Retired Chairman, on Bench given to her at her Retirement from LYC . . . Grandson Oden, Daughter-in-law Nicole, Son Mark, and Husband Doward.

Lexington Human Rights Committee

ROLE: The Board of Selectmen formed the Lexington Human Rights Committee in 2008 with the following charge: to promote Lexington's vision of a community that has as core values freedom from bigotry, hatred, intolerance, disrespect, and destructive conflict among its citizens; to build a stronger, more unified Town that respects and recognizes both our diversity and our commonalities; to confront statements and actions that conflict with the core values expressed above; to foster respectful, civil, public discourse and debate.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to serve 3 year staggered terms: Richard W. Capron, Helen L. Cohen, (liaison School Committee), Puran Dang, Fuang-Ying Huang, Deborah Jackson, Robert Kent, Humaira Kirmani, Hank Manz (liaison Board of Selectmen), Leona Martin, Joseph O'Leary (liaison Police Department), Janet M. Perry, Albert Zabin, Linda Vine (liaison Town Manager's Office).

HIGHLIGHTS: The Lexington Human Rights Committee (LHRC) will approach its work with the idea that a civil society should vindicate and defend civil rights not only through the legal system, but by encouraging and teaching its members to respect and act humanely to others and to behave civilly when disagreeing with others, particularly in difficult situations and when the disagreement is profound and passionate.

The LHRC will be rigorously nonpartisan. Its focus will be on human rights, civil rights, and civil discourse in Lexington.

The LHRC shall carry out its mission, related to the core values expressed above, through:

- Public advocacy;
- Sponsoring educational programs;
- Helping other organizations and Town departments address conflict through consultation and mediation with the parties involved;
- Reporting civil rights violations to appropriate government agencies;
- Assisting in planning responses to groups, internal or external to the Town, which advocate actions antithetical to the core values expressed in Article II.

The LHRC focus shall be matters that directly affect Lexington rather than matters that are primarily of Statewide, National, or International concern. As a committee it shall avoid partisan politics or legislative lobbying or litigation.

It may work with like committees of other localities and with organizations with which it shares a common purpose, and should use any available materials, advice, or assistance from other organizations, that may be helpful in accomplishing its mission. ■

CULTURE AND LEISURE

Cary Memorial Library

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$1,548,076	.. \$1,463,666
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 454,119	.. \$ 450,115

PERSONNEL		
<i>Full Time</i>	26 25
<i>Part Time</i>	23 24
<i>Circulation</i>	\$668,313 \$641,940

ROLE: To provide the Lexington community with materials, resources, and services which promote lifelong learning and cultural enrichment; to provide collections in a variety of formats to a culturally and educationally diverse population; and to provide a knowledgeable, responsible staff to facilitate the retrieval of information and use of the Library's resources.

The governing body of the Library, established by the will of Maria Hastings Cary, is the Board of Library Trustees, consisting of the Town's settled ministers, principal clergy of each congregation in Town, and Selectmen and School Committee members.

APPOINTED by the Trustees: Director Connie Rawson.

The Trustees elect the Executive Committee: Chair Norman Cohen, Tom Diaz, Jeanne Krieger, Helen Cohen and Vice Chairman Howard Jaffee.

State Certification and Library Funding

Cary Library received certification status for fiscal year 2008 and was eligible to receive the entire amount of State Aid, which was \$44,571. This aid is awarded to libraries that meet statutory and regulatory requirements, which are reported annually by public library directors. There are other reasons, aside from the annual financial distribution, that encourage libraries to strive for meeting certification standards — libraries not meeting standards usually cannot provide interlibrary loan service to their residents. Additionally, cardholders may lose borrowing privileges in other towns.

In order to meet these requirements, libraries are expected to receive a current-year municipal appropriation that is equal to the average of the municipal appropriations for the three previous fiscal years increased by 2½ %. The library must also submit an Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) and must be open to all residents. The library must make no charges for normal library services, be kept open a minimum number of hours per week, employ trained library personnel in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Library Commissioners, spend a reasonable portion of the library's total budget on library materials, lend books to

other libraries in the Commonwealth and extend privileges to the holders of cards issued by other public libraries on a reciprocal basis.

In recent years, Cary Library has struggled to meet the expenditures requirement and has depended more and more on private sources and fines and fees. In fiscal year 2008, \$90,600, or 32%, of the total materials budget was municipally appropriated. The total amount spent on materials was \$287,283. 68% of the funding, or \$196,683, which ensured the maximum standard for State Aid, was from non-municipal sources.

The Library is dependent on and grateful for increases in municipal funding, significant contributions made by the Cary Memorial Library Foundation and the continual support of the Friends of Cary Memorial Library. The 13% materials expenditure target could not be managed without this community effort.

Stone Building/East Lexington Branch Library

The East Branch Library remained closed throughout 2008 due to the serious flood that occurred in August 2007. Town Meeting in April 2007 had already authorized the expenditure of Community Preservation Act funds for a comprehensive study to include a structural, preservation, mechanical and building code analysis of the Stone Building. The project was awarded to HKT Architects and the report was issued and presented to the library's Board of Trustees on May 20. The HKT report identified two alternative concepts for the rehabilitation of the Stone Building. Option One recreated an "ell," off the north side of the building that would incorporate a new main entrance, elevator, and handicapped-accessible restrooms, and maximize the amount of usable space within the original building. The estimated cost of this option would be \$2,648,063. Option Two retained the existing footprint of the Stone Building and incorporated a mechanical lift and handicapped-accessible restrooms within the existing building, thus reducing the amount of usable space. The estimated cost of this option would be \$1,798,780.

While the HKT study was underway, the Trustees held a Community Forum at Follen Church on March 16 to discuss future uses of the Stone Building. Over 100 Lexington residents attended this open meeting to express their views concerning community needs and how the Stone Building might address those needs; many residents voiced a need for space for meetings, performances, lectures, and opportunities to gather together as community. Trustee Tom Diaz and Library Director Connie Rawson also attended a meeting of the East Lexington Civic Association on May 13 to explain the Trustees' process for determining the future use of the

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Stone Building and to address any questions or concerns from East Lexington residents.

After the HKT report was issued in May, the Trustees invited groups interested in using the Stone Building to submit a Letter of Interest/Proposal for Possible Use of the Stone Building to the Trustees. Six groups submitted Letters of Interest by the September 22 deadline: Lexington4Libraries; Waldorf School; Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows; Investigators' Club; Town of Lexington/Lexington Heritage Center; and Cary Memorial Library. All six groups participated in a public hearing hosted by the Trustees at Cary Hall on October 2 to discuss the proposals and to answer questions from the Trustees and Lexington residents.

The Trustees subsequently selected HKT Architects Option One as the preferred option for building rehabilitation. They also recommended that \$271,660 of Community Preservation Act funds be requested for FY2010 for the preparation of design and engineering specifications for building rehabilitation according to Option One. This proposal was presented to the Community Preservation Committee in December.

The Trustees agreed that the Town of Lexington/Lexington Heritage Center's initial proposal presents the best opportunity to incorporate facets from the other Letters of Interest and to meet the needs of the entire community while taking advantage of the unique characteristics of the Stone Building. They voted in December to discontinue branch library services in the Stone Building, and Library Director Connie Rawson reported this decision to the Board of Selectmen. The Trustees will request a more complete busi-

ness plan from the Lexington Heritage Center in time for presentation at Town Meeting in 2009.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed and filed with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners the library's Long Range Plan for 2009-2013. The strategic planning Steering Committee, ably led by Deb Jackson and comprised of staff members, trustees, town committee members and other Lexington residents who are interested in the library, used interviews, surveys, and staff workshops to identify goals and objectives for the next five years.
- Participated in the ICMA (International City/County Management Association) annual survey of library services.
- Installed security cameras in the library and established a policy for their use, as directed by the library's Board of Trustees and planned in consultation with town counsel and the Department of Facilities Management. The installation was designed to protect the safety of patrons and library materials, but not to invade patron privacy.

Adult and Young Adult Services

- Reference librarians continue to answer more than 3000 questions per month, an average that has remained steady since 2006. The busiest time continues to be Sunday afternoon.
- Patrons signed up at the library's public internet terminals 40,491 times this year and used the word processor 592 times.
- The library's Door-to-Door delivery program averaged

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Holdings Information

	Adult		Children's		Total	
	FY08	FY07	FY08	FY07	FY08	FY07
Books	144,508	135,615	78,610	77,510	223,118	213,125
Print Periodicals	914	791	125	117	1,039	908
Audio	8,032	7,563	2,981	2,799	11,013	10,362
Videocassettes/DVDs	6,995	6,363	2,659	2,471	9,654	8,834
Downloadable audio (available through OPAC)	2,547	1,813	275	297	2,822	2,110
Materials in Electronic Format	21	23	235	218	256	241
Materials in Microform	7,499	7,468	0	0	7,499	7,468
Miscellaneous (e.g. kits, framed art work, puppets, slide sets, films, filmstrips)	50	66	166	165	216	231
Totals	170,566	159,702	85,051	83,577	255,617	243,279

20.5 deliveries a month to patrons who are unable to visit the library. In total, there were 246 deliveries this year, a 23% increase over last year.

- The Teen Advisory Board is starting its fifth year. In addition to presenting continuing programs such as Dance Dance Revolution, feature films on half-days, A Capella Jam, and Open Mic Night, it organized a Teen Art Show in the library's gallery in April, presented Tales Told By Teens to patrons of the Children's Room, and introduced the Cary Memorial Library Foundation to Dance Dance Revolution and Wii at the Foundation's annual meeting.. Circulation of teen books increased 22% from 2007 to 2008.
- With additional funds from the Cary Memorial Library Foundation, the library was able to continue subscriptions to all 13 databases initiated last year and add two investment databases - Valueline and Morningstar - as well as Birds of North America, and the academic article resource JSTOR.
- This year's Lexington Reads program, held throughout the month of April, focused on the theme of "Lexington Reads and Eats" with programs on local agriculture; discussions of Michael Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, Indian chef Madhur Jaffrey's memoir *Climbing the Mango Tree*, and one of Katherine Hall Page's culinary mysteries *The Body in the Moonlight*; and lectures by Frances Moore Lappe and naturalist John Root. Local restaurants were also invited to participate in this community program.
- Individual study rooms were used 3944 times, or an average of 328 per month, a 9% increase over last year
- Many patrons read beyond their local library network and this year interlibrary loan librarians borrowed 70,357 items from outside the Minuteman Library Network, 7% more than last year.
- This year the library focused much of its attention on developing its audio-visual collections. Donations from the Cary Memorial Foundation enabled reference/collection development librarians to purchase over 500 DVDs and over 215 books on CD.
- Reference and Adult Services presented a variety of programs this year, ranging from a Book Group Forum to a joint presentation of business databases by librarians from Lexington, Bedford, Lincoln and Concord to their respective Chambers of Commerce, to egg decorating and Chinese Brush painting workshops.
- The popular first-come, first-serve Read-It-Now Collection has completed a successful first year.
- The library's participation in Lexington's Holiday Festival Night, begun last year, expanded this year to include performances by the Lexington High School Madrigals, a keyboard and fiddle combo, and the Desi Indian Dance group, as well as a silent auction.
- Local history/Reference Librarian Linda Carroll applied for and received a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a preservation survey of the library's local history materials.

Circulation Department

- Total circulation of all library materials increased by over 4% during FY08; the largest increase was the circulation of audio visual materials, with an increase of over 11%.
- Registered 2343 new library patrons.
- Resource sharing among Minuteman Library Network libraries continued to be an essential part of library service. In FY08, Lexington loaned 33,762 items to other network libraries (a 1.5% increase over 2007) and borrowed 65,546 items from those network libraries (a 2.5% increase over 2007).
- Offered the "Love That Library Card" program during February and replaced over 500 library cards free of charge.
- As part of the Minuteman Library Network, offered patrons the ability to pay their fines online using a credit card.

Children's Services

- Circulated 308,076 juvenile items, 46% of the Library's total circulation. Additions to the Children's Room collection included 4,407 books and 1,275 audio-visual items. 1,558 of these new items were selected from donations to the Friends of Cary Memorial Library.
- Children's Room staff answered 6,315 reference questions, registered 922 new borrowers, mounted 85 topical book displays, composed 107 press releases, created 57 children's program brochures and flyers, and compiled 8 children's book lists.
- 737 patrons used the Children's Room Internet terminal, and 1,465 used the children's CD-ROM games terminals.
- 15,827 patrons attended 342 children's programs. There were 1,449 participants in the 2008 Summer Reading Program, during which children and their families reported reading for 28,327 hours.
- A wide range of special events were presented for infants through elementary school-age students, their families and teachers, including preschool storytimes for babies through 6 year-olds, sing-along programs, craft programs, book discussions, movies, preschool and elementary class visits, scout troop visits, workshops in creative writing, poetry writing, knitting, magic tricks, book-making, Chinese brush painting, Chinese paper-cutting, and Ukrainian egg decorating, live animal shows, DDR/Wii games programs, dramatic performances, storytelling programs, Indian and Celtic music performances, children's book author visits, the Children's Department's seventh annual Truck Day, and fourteenth annual "Best New Books for Young Children" in-service workshop for preschool teachers and childcare providers.

Technology

- Wireless internet access continues to be a very popular library service. Cary Memorial Library continues to be the only totally free wireless access provider in Lexington Center.

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- There were 344 meetings and events held in the library at which the library's audiovisual equipment was used.
- The library has added several laptops to its collection of equipment that can be checked out for use in the library. These laptops have circulated a total of 433 times since June 2008.
- There were 17,030 visits to the library's website, www.caryllibrary.org, from PCs outside the library. This represents an increase of 10% over the previous year's figure.
- The library received an average of 2,499 telephone calls per month for reference assistance, circulation services, and museum pass reservations. This represents an increase of 12% over telephone service provided in the previous fiscal year.

Personnel

- Three long-serving staff members retired during 2008: Ani Kiredjian (Library Associate), Steffie Lowder (Reference Librarian) and Heather Vitiello (Library Technician). Cathy Cote, part-time Children's Librarian, also resigned. Elizabeth Dickinson joined the staff as Reference/Programs and Public Relations Librarian. Elizabeth will be developing the library's adult programming efforts. Helen Kingman and Cheryl Towse, new Library Technicians, and Amy Newmark, part-time Children's Librarian, also joined the staff in 2008.

Friends of Cary Memorial Library

- Contributed \$25,000 to the adult book and audio-visual budget and Children's Room programs, and also renewed the movie performance license that allows the library to show feature films within the library. The semi-annual sales of gently used books remain a significant source of funds, supplemented by continuing book sales throughout the year. The "Friends of Cary Memorial Library Book Store" was dedicated in June 2008. Betty Clark generously

ly donated the funds to create this comfortable and attractive area that offers a wide selection of top quality donated books that may be purchased throughout the year. The Friends' contributions have enabled the library to offer the popular "Read It Now" materials and to purchase many of the library's new DVDs.

- Purchased museum passes and discounts, including new passes to the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston and The Sports Museum.
- Sponsored special author programs and hosted the annual film/discussion series.
- Worked with library staff and others to plan and produce the "Lexington Reads and Eats!" during April 2008.
- Offered two major lecture series: Opera, with John Tischio, and World Religions with Dr. Irene Weigel. Both series were very popular.
- Coordinated the efforts of over 100 volunteers who worked nearly 4000 hours to help the library operate more smoothly and to deliver materials to residents who are unable to visit the library in person. Betsy Allen and Linda Cohen devote many hours overseeing this invaluable program.

Cary Memorial Library Foundation

- Transferred over \$147,000 to the library during FY 2008, thanks to the dedicated fundraising efforts of the Foundation's staff, directors and volunteers. These funds enabled the library to purchase books, audio visual materials, magazine and online database subscriptions; to support library programs; and to supplement the library's endowment.
- Worked with library staff and others to plan and produce the "Lexington Reads and Eats!" programs during April 2008.
- Hosted "Breakfast with the Director" mornings, providing opportunities for interested residents to meet with the library Director and discuss topics of mutual interest. ■

Dolores Hidalgo Sister City Committee

ROLE: To continue the cultural exchanges, which began in 1966, between Lexington residents and the town of Dolores Hidalgo in Mexico. These cities were linked because each has the distinction of being the birthplace of their country's independence.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Chair Ellie Noz, Gloria Holland, Cheryl Ricci, Kathy Hestand, Carroll Ann Bottino, Bill Noz, Alma MacDonald, Mike MacDonald, and Eva Gil.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In July, Lexington received three guests from Dolores Hidalgo; Socorro Narvaez, her son Daniel, and Pati Barbosa. Coco (Socorro) enjoyed a tour and lunch at the historic Wayside Inn in Sudbury while her son Daniel went to the Science Museum with his host family. Everyone enjoyed a trip to the Plimouth Plantation and the Mayflower, a tour of the Heritage Museum, a traditional 4th of July barbeque in Lexington, and a day in Boston followed by a farewell dinner and ice cream social. ■

Recreation

EXPENDITURES*	FY 08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$550,252....	\$498,235
Expenses	\$980,449....	\$866,819

PERSONNEL

Full Time	5	5
Seasonal/	175	175
Part Time	0	0

*Financed by the Recreation Enterprise Fund through user fees (including Pine Meadows Golf Course). Indirect transfers are not included. In addition, the Recreation Enterprise Fund contributes \$100,000 per year toward the Lincoln Park debt service, \$100,000 for services provided by the Parks Department, and approximately \$75,399 towards employee benefits.

ROLE: To plan and administer public playgrounds and recreational facilities in the Town and to expand and promote recreation, leisure activities, play, sport, physical fitness and education for all citizens.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Rick DeAngelis, Vice-Chair Richard Thuma, Sandra Shaw and Wendy Rudner. One vacancy. Staff Director Karen Simmons, Assistant Director Sheila Butts and Superintendent of Public Grounds David Pinsonneault.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recreational programs and Pine Meadow Golf Course served a total of 134,899 participants, an increase of 5,854 from FY 2007.
- Increased numbers of participants in Pre-School, Youth and Teen programs, Adult Gym, programs at the Town Pool, Summer Camps and Clinic programs. Increased numbers of Recreation programs offered, swimming hours at pool and Old Res and number of volunteers assisting with Recreation programs and activities.
- Permitted 51,287 hours on ball fields, an increase of 6,500 hours.
- Increased the number of Tennis Passes sold; increased the number of Permit Hours on Tennis Courts (13,936); the number of volunteer hours was 5,500; the total number of recreation programs, lessons and activities offered to residents was 418.
- Hosted USTA Recreation Coaches Workshop and implemented USTA Quick Start Tennis Program for youth summer lessons.
- Capital Projects included:
 - Pine Meadows hydrology study
 - Phase I of Old Reservoir water quality study

- Town Pool infrastructure study
- Renovation of Valley Tennis Courts and Center Basketball Courts
- Drainage study of the Center Recreation Complex (CPA Project)
- Renovation of Bowman School Athletic Fields is ongoing (CPA Project)

Pine Meadows bunker reconstruction of 6th and 8th holes.

- Development of various new programs and continuation of existing programs including opening the Old Reservoir to non-residents, RAD self-defense classes for women, , Red Cross Guard Start Program, Science Adventures, Chess, Fencing, fall mini-basketball program and Self Defense programs for children, and Youth and Adult Tennis Tournaments.
- Promoted both the Nike Field Hockey Camp and Nike Lacrosse Camp at Lincoln Park.
- Facilitated Lexington Youth Basketball Travel Program's use of Lexington Public School's gymnasiums and Lexington United Soccer Program's use of Lexington High School's indoor facilities.
- Updated the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- Completed the transition of the fall In-Town Fall Soccer Program from Lexington Recreation Department to Lexington United Soccer Program.
- Obtained NFL Youth Football Grant to be implemented in FY2009.

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Seated L-R: Wendy Rudner, Sandra Shaw, Karen Simmons (Director of Recreation), Sheila Butler (Assistant Director of Recreation); Standing L-R: Rick DeAngelis (Chair), Dave Pinsonneault (Supt. of Public Works), Richard Thuma (Vice Chair).

Photo: David S. Tabeling

- Received Lexington Lions Club and Lexington Rotary Club donations to Town Gift Account for purpose of funding RAD program and training offered in partnership with Lexington Police Department.
- Continued use by Aquatics Staff of Pool Cool program materials to promote sun safety and skin cancer awareness among children and families using Town Pool and Old Reservoir.
 - Continued partnerships and collaborations with the Lincoln Park Sub-Committee and local Boy Scout Troops. Partnered with the Youth Services Council, Social Services, Police and School Departments to offer Middle School Early Release Day Programs. .
- Created a Youth Sports Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to maintain and improve the quality of youth sports that are being offered in the community.

- Received a USTA “Tennis in the Parks” grant to promote community tennis programs.
- Received Junior NBA/WNBA grant through National Recreation and Park Association providing instructional materials for players, coaches and officials in the Town Basketball Clinic and League.
- Sponsored evening Adult Indoor Soccer and Basketball at Diamond Middle School, Adult basketball and jogging and Family Night Gym at the LHS field house.

Recreation also appreciates the many partnerships that have been developed to better serve the recreational needs of our citizens. These include: Lexington Youth Lacrosse, Lexington United Soccer Club, Lexington Little League, Lexington Babe Ruth League, LBH Pop Warner, Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts, Friends of Sutherland Park, Lincoln Park Subcommittee, Friends of Rindge Park, Bicycle Advisory Committee, and other Town Departments. ■

Cary Lecture Series Committee

ROLE: To provide a variety of free, educational, and entertaining events open to all citizens of Lexington in accordance with the will of the Cary sisters.

APPOINTED by the Moderator: Chair Nancy Shepard, Lawrence Kernan, John Rosenberg, Associate member Adeline Chan. Barbara Palant is stepping down from the committee this year and we thank her for her many years of excellent service.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- As part of our 2007-2008 season the first program for 2008 was held in January at Cary Hall. The program was “Understanding Contemporary China” and the speaker was Lexington resident William Kirby, the Geisinger Professor of History at Harvard.
- The second program featured Lexington resident and noted economist Allen Sinai. The topic was “Seismic Shifts: Changing Global Economic and Political Geography.”
- The first program of the 2008-2009 season was held in September with Lexington resident William Nye as the speaker. The topic was “The Powers to Lead.”
- In November, Phyllis Elhady Hoffman, from the Boston University School of Fine and Applied Arts presented a program called “The Making of an Opera Singer.” The lecture featured students demonstrating the use of the voice and vocal training for operatic singing.

The committee’s aim continues to be to bring to Lexington a range of cultural experiences which might not otherwise be available. We welcome suggestions for future programming. ■



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Seated L-R: Nancy Shepard, Adeline Chan; Standing L-R: John Rosenberg, Larry Kernan.

Tourism Committee

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Liberty Ride</i>		
Payroll.....	\$ 32,559\$30,611
Expenses	\$100,825\$64,063
PERSONNEL		
Seasonal.....	9 6

**Note: All expenditures for the Liberty Ride in FY07 and FY08 were covered by operating revenue and donations. There was no cost to the taxpayers.*

ROLE: To improve the quality of the Lexington tourist experience for both visitors and the Town by coordinating the efforts of State, regional, and local organizations.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Dawn McKenna, Chairman; Susan Bennett, Mary Jo Bohart, Kerry Brandin, Bebe Fallick, Carla Fortmann, Joanne Myers, John Ott, Paul O'Shaughnessy, John Patrick, Lou Sideris. Dick Canale stepped down from the committee but continues to be involved as he works with the MAPC on the Battle Road Planning and with Freedoms Way. Selectmen liaison is Peter Kelley. The Liberty Ride Program Coordinator and Director of Battle Green Guides is Masha Traber.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Held second annual joint training session with guides from all sites open to tourists throughout the town. Focus was on the Disney customer service model. Through this joint cooperation we continue to improve services to the visitors.
- Operated the seventh season of the Liberty Ride. The trolley continues to attract additional visitors. Ridership surpassed 6,000 in FY08. The Ride operated from Memorial Day Weekend through late October. Town Meeting approved the Committee's request to transfer the Liberty Ride operations into a revolving fund. This will enable any proceeds to be reinvested in Tourism efforts.
- The Liberty Ride Pilot program that included admission to one of the historical houses in the base price of the ticket was successful and it was made permanent this season.
- The Town submitted statement of uses for all of the pending trademark applications. The Town now holds trademark registration for the words "Liberty Ride" and the Liberty Ride logo.

- The Battle Green Guides continue to regularly serve the tourists. This year Town Meeting recognized the income that was being derived from the service and set up an expense line item of \$750 to allow the Committee to buy costumes and materials to support the Tourism program.
- New directional and site specific signs were fabricated and installed. Citizen feedback has been very positive regarding these signs throughout town and how they add clarity for visitors. Multiple requests were received for similar signs on other buildings. As a result a policy was developed to limit the signs to sites that a tourist would visit.
- The Selectmen have approved a reunion with the Town's sister City of Antony, France. Efforts are underway to schedule a trip to France in September. Discussions are in progress with officials from Antony to determine when a delegation from Antony could return the visit to Lexington.
- Spearheaded a long-term planning effort to develop a master plan for the Battle Green with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. This will be a broad-based, coordinated effort to include the Town citizens' views. Plan items include: lighting, trees, pathways, signage, the Minute Man statue, appropriate uses, parking, tour buses, and traffic. This plan will follow the recommendations developed under the DEM Town Commons Preservation Initiative completed in 2001. ■



Standing L-R: Masha Traber, Liberty Ride Coordinator Carla Fortmann, Bebe Fallick, Kerry Brandin, Paul O'Shaughnessy, John Ott, Mary Jo Bohart, Lou Sideris (he is the one in the National Park Service hat); Seated L-R: Dawn McKenna, Chairman Susan Bennett, Joanne Myers, Kathleen James. Missing from picture: John Patrick.

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Town Celebrations Committee

EXPENDITURES:	FY 08	FY07
	\$ 28,964.	\$ 7,240

ROLE: To plan and carry out proper observances of Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and all such holidays and special events as the Board of Selectmen may designate.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for overlapping 3-year terms: Co-Chairs Suzie Barry and Robert Tracey; Sally Fisher, Mary Gillespie, Jo Anne Granger, Sondra Lucente, Henry Murphy, Sandra Podgorski, Charles Price, Jr.; Subcommittee: Paul Jenkins, Jerry Michelson, Julie Miller, William Mix, John Rossi, James Shaw; Honorary Members: C. Jean Coates, Marion Snow; Selectmen Liaison: George Burnell.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Patriots' Day, Monday, April 21, 2008

Morning Parade & Ceremonies

Caroline Thuma and Ann Thomas, Senior Class Council Members at Lexington High School, served as Co-Masters of Ceremonies for the Patriots' Day Morning Ceremonies on the Battle Green. Rev. Arnold F. Colletti, Pastor Sacred Heart & Saint Brigid Parishes, gave the Invocation and Benediction. Lexington High School Student Alex Parrish accompanied by the Lexington High School Band sang the National Anthem. Jeanne Krieger, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen read the Greetings from the State.

The following awards were presented:

- Daniel Garmon received the Cecil K. Harris award from the Lexington Minute Men Company.
- Dr. Polly Kienle received the Dan H. Fenn, Jr./Lexington Minute Men Company award.
- John H. Ott received the William P. Fitzgerald award from the Town Celebrations Committee.
- Alexandra Earle and Kate Wilson were presented with the 2008 Youth Recognition award.
- Barbara Ciampa received the 2008 Minuteman Cane award.
- David Wells was presented the 2008 White Tricorn Hat by Alan Wrigley, President of the Lexington Lions Club.

Afternoon Parade:

The 2008 Afternoon Parade theme was "Lexington...It Began Here, April 19, 1775." Elsa Sullivan served as Chief Marshal for the afternoon parade, assisted by aides: Gene Beauchmin, Chuck French, Fred Johnson and Charlie Vail. Serving as the Spirit of 76 in both parades were: Judith Kan, Fife; Alex Duval, Drummer; and Willie Palmer, Flag Bearer.

The float winners were:

- Commercial: 1st - Wells Fargo Wagon, 2nd - Wilson Farm, 3rd- Wagon Wheel Nursery
- Civic: 1st- Lexington Historical Society, 2nd - USS Sub Vets, 3rd - Lexington Global Warming Committee
- Youth: 1st- Lexington Girl Scouts, 2nd- Lexington Youth Commission, 3rd - Lexington-Bedford Youth Hockey

The Lexington Police Department Honor Guard carried an American Flag in the Afternoon Parade that had flown in Baghdad, Iraq at the Victory Post Complex of the 151st Regional Support Group Headquarters. The soldiers of the 151st had adopted the name "Lexington" as their call sign and "First Shot" as their motto. Upon their safe return they gave the Flag as a gift to the Town of Lexington.

The Town Celebrations Committee is grateful to the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and the local businesses and organizations that contribute toward making the parade a success.

Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 25, 2008

The Memorial Day Parade was led by Sgt. Ian Edmonston, US Army, Iraq. He was assisted by aides: Alex Sterzin, Bob Edmonston and Aurio Pierro, Commander Lexington VFW Post #3007. Members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts assisted with wreath laying at: Westview and Munroe Cemeteries, the Lexington Police Department Memorial in front of the Police Station, the Korean/Vietnam War Monument at Cary Hall, the VFW/WWII Memorial and The Soldier's Monument near the Visitor's Center, the Olde Burying Ground, and the Revolutionary War Monument on the Battle Green. Shirley Holdman, a member of the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association and a journal-listed practitioner from the Christian Science Church, gave the Invocation and Benediction. Lexington High School Student

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Front row: (l to r) Suzie Barry, Sandy Podgorski, Julie Miller; Back row: (l to r) Henry Murphy, Bill Mix, Charlie Price, Bob Tracey, Paul Jenkins, Jerry Michelson.

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Alex Parrish accompanied by the Lexington High School Band sang the National Anthem. Lexington High School Senior Devin Shaw read General Logan's Orders of the Day, and Lexington High School Senior Emily Fenn recited Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Jeanne Krieger, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, read the Greetings from the State. Colonel Russell J. Blaine of Hanscom Air Force Base gave the address of the day.

Veterans Day ~ Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Sgt. Chris Collins, Massachusetts Army National Guard, Iraq, served as Chief Marshal of the Veterans Day Parade, assisted by Chris Olsen, Massachusetts Army National Guard, Iraq. Ceremonies took place following the Parade on

the Battle Green. Lexington High School Student Alex Parrish accompanied by the Lexington High School Band sang the National Anthem. Rabbi Howard Jaffe of Temple Isaiah offered the Invocation and Benediction. Lexington Girl Scouts assisted with wreath laying at the Korean/Vietnam War Monument at Cary Hall, the VFW/WWII Memorial, the Soldier's Monument near the Visitor's Center, the Revolutionary War Monument, and the POW/MIA Memorial on the Battle Green. Norman Cohen, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, read the Greetings from the State. The 2008 Veterans Day Essay Contest winners: Roshan Padaki, Maria Hastings Elementary School; Garrett Parrish, William Diamond Middle School, and Ayesha Harisnghani, Jonas Clarke Middle School read their essays. ■

Communications Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Board of Selectmen on all aspects of wired and wireless communication and data services to and within the Town; to serve as ombudsman for Town users of such services; when stipulated by the Selectmen, to represent the Town in negotiations and during contractual/license relationships with providers of those services; when stipulated by the Selectmen, to monitor and evaluate compliance of any Lexington contracted Public, Education, and Government Access Corporation; to oversee any network which includes municipal and/or school buildings; to help set Town regulations and review applications to the Town for wired and wireless communications and data services; and to advise the Selectmen and other Town officials on managing the Town's growing information-handling needs and any supporting networks.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Jeanne Canale (administrative operations), David Becker (technology and access initiative; contract negotiations), David Buczkowski (legal and regulations; contract negotiations), Edmond Vail III (wireless application coordination and review), Ken Pogran ((DTV) Digital Television transition and coordination; Wi-Fi Initiative review), Maria Kieslich (financial review, access corporation evaluation), Linda Roemer (access corporation evaluation coordination and contract negotiations), John Rommelfanger (Wi-Fi Initiative). Selectmen liaison: George Burnell

HIGHLIGHTS:

(LexMedia) Town of Lexington Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access Provider Annual Performance Evaluation

Evaluated the extent to which LexMedia met its contractual obligations to the Town. Progress was noted: in particular the move to Kline Hall, additional content on all three channels, and improved management and governance. The Committee recommendations were: that priority is given to fund-raising and continued enhancement of programming, including additional presentation of Town board and committee meetings.



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Members from left to right are: Maria Kieslich, David Buczkowski, John Rommelfanger, Ken Pogran, Jeanne Canale, Chair Linda Roemer, and David Becker.

Wireless

The Wireless Subcommittee reviewed eleven wireless facility applications for compliance with the Town bylaws (compared to three in 2007). The Subcommittee submitted a corresponding Letter of Opinion for ten completed applications; the eleventh application is in process. At the request of the ZBA, the Subcommittee continued to maintain a listing of all known cellular installations. This listing was requested twice during the year by Town bodies. Continuing the Wireless Bylaws Update Project, a proposal will be submitted to the Planning Board for a reordering of the Wireless Section of the Planning Board Regulations.

Comcast License Amendment

The CAC negotiated a license amendment with cable operator Comcast under which Comcast will cease to provide an Institutional Network (I-Net) to Lexington. In lieu of providing the I-Net, annual payments will be made to the Town. The I-Net was originally constructed by Adams-Russell, a predecessor to Comcast, to allow the Town to do distributed data processing for municipal and school sites. However, the network was based on limited, out-of-date technology and has been superseded by a modern high-speed I-Net from RCN. Comcast also agreed to remove their I-Net components from the Town, simplifying the ongoing effort to eliminate double utility poles. ■

Lexington Council for the Arts

ROLE: To grant awards supporting local arts, humanities, and interpretive projects. Lexington is one of the Commonwealth's 331 Local Cultural Councils partnered with the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a State agency with annual appropriation from the legislature. The Mission of the local arts council is to promote and fund community cultural activities enhancing the quality of life for Lexington citizens.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Co-chairs Barbara Ciampa and Zoe Perry Wood; Corresponding Secretary Janet Post; Recording Secretary Louise Cady-Fernandes; Treasurer Mary Trometer; Jonathan Cue, Jan Goplerud, Jackie Hawkinson, Bill Janowitz. Sirarpi Heghinian Walzer. Victoria Campos replaced Myron Rosenblum for a full membership this year.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Acted on 26 grant requests in cooperation with MCC.
- Participated in special events: Discovery Day, Art Walk, and Statewide reception for Arts Council Volunteers.
- Expanded use of website concerning grants availability.
- Ongoing contact regarding use of Town Hall art.
- Representation on Cary Library Donor art wall committee.
- Continued review of Patron's fund potential.
- Administered the Emma Lou Dimmock Fund prize for outstanding high school vocal artist. The 2008 recipient was Micheline Soley.

In 2008, Lexington was allotted \$4,730 by the MCC. Requests for assistance for local art projects exceed this amount threefold. Harrington and Estabrook school children benefited from the PASS program, which subsidizes the cost of cultural field trips.

Other cultural grants for 2008 included an Art-Poetry-Music presentation, a performance series at the Children's Center, a capital facility renovation at the Arts and Crafts Society, a children's concert by the Master Singers, help with the annual Masterworks Choral Messiah Sing, and a family-oriented design program at the Museum of National Heritage. Two programs located at Cary library underwritten by LAC grants, focused on a nature interpretation, and another mak-



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Seated Co-chairs (left to right) Barbara Ciampa and Zoe Perry-Wood; standing Jan Goplerud, Jonathan Cue, Jackie Hawkinson, Sirarpi Heghinian Walzer, Victoria Campos, Louise Cady-Fernandes, Mary Trometer, Janet Post. Missing from picture Bill Janovitz.

ing music for children. A young Lexington guest soloist with the Symphony Pro Musica received a performance grant.

In addition to reviewing and administering grant requests, Lexington Arts Council members participated in the annual Discovery Day event, broadcasting grant money availability and encouraging applications. Council members participated in the community arts promotion effort "The Art Walk " formulating with local merchants an Art Hunt for children, matching art displays with intriguing questions with a reward of an inscribed Arts Council pencil.

In October, in response to a request by MCC, Lexington members hosted a reception for statewide arts council volunteers at the National Heritage Museum in conjunction with the art and folk heritage exhibition. This event offered an opportunity to broadcast the cultural and commercial advantages in town. Donors of door prizes included Lexington Symphony, Arts and Crafts Society, The Liberty Ride, Chamber of Commerce, Starwood Hotels, Lexington Pops Chorus, and the Lexington Historical Society. In addition, two Council members donated personal craft items. The Council is grateful for their generosity for this special event. ■

Lexington Antony Sister City Association (LASCA)

ROLE: To promote good will, friendship, and cultural exchange between the people of Lexington and Antony, France. Antony is a bustling suburb of Paris, a commuter town of 60,000 people, just 5 miles south of Porte d'Orléans. Its history as a farming community dates back to the ninth century, when its name was first recorded in written documents.

This person-to-person connection is separate from but complements the long-standing student-exchange program between language departments in the public schools of Lexington and Antony.

APPOINTED: This is a newly-reconstituted volunteer committee, working under the aegis of the Town's Tourism Committee, consisting of some of those involved in the four formal Lexington-Antony exchanges and numerous informal person-to-person visits which took place from the late nineties onward, including Dan Fenn, Shirley Frawley, Bud Frawley, Tony Galaitsis, Barbara Hulsizer, Cerise Jalelian, Dawn McKenna, John Patrick, and Elsa Sullivan.

Membership is open to all Lexington residents. Interested parties should send email to lasca@tourlexington.us.

HIGHLIGHTS: In the fall of 1999 sixty-seven Lexington Minutemen and Lexington officials and citizens traveled to the Town's French sister city to take part in the dedication of Place de Lexington, a traffic circle with a towering obelisk inscribed with the words: "In remembrance of the first shot of the American Revolution, April 19th, 1775 in Lexington, and in friendship with our sister city." This year LASCA began steps to revive the formal relationship between the Town of Lexington and Ville d'Antony and to strengthen the friendships already existing between their people.

In February, Dawn McKenna visited Place de Lexington and discussed with Alain LeFloch, one of Antony's representatives to Lexington, the possibility of a re-union celebrating the dedication. Later, a group of Antony officials including Deputy Mayor Marie-Louise Marlet, Councilor Gilles

Dumoulin, and Mr. LeFloch expressed interest in further exploring bilateral visits or an exchange between the sister cities in the 2009-2010 timeframe. In a separate effort, Elsa Sullivan and Dan Fenn began to promote the idea of celebrating this anniversary. The first meeting of the group was held in October. Since then:

- LASCA received the Selectmen's permission to pursue the re-union idea;
- Communication with Antony officials was assigned to John Patrick and Tony Galaitsis;
- The Town Manager's office provided the organization with an email address;
- Dawn McKenna and Shirley and Bud Frawley addressed the Lexington Minutemen at their November meeting, inviting them to join in planning a re-union and, for that purpose, to appoint a liaison to LASCA; and
- A number of preparatory steps, such as reaching out to other Town organizations and building a website, have been mapped out.

LASCA needs the opinions and advice of the citizens, religious and cultural organizations, and officials of the Town regarding its tentative plans to:

- Celebrate the tenth anniversary of the dedication of Place de Lexington by visiting Antony in September of 2009, to correspond with Antony's annual Wine and Cheese Fair; and
- Host a delegation of Antoniensi in April of 2010.

Expressions of interest in the re-union, comments, and other ideas are welcome at lasca@tourlexington.us.

Finally, Lexingtonians are invited to learn more about Antony at its website www.ville-antony.fr. People who use internet mapping software can find Place de Lexington by searching for "Avenue du Bois de Verrieres, Antony France" in maps.google.com and travelling about 500 feet to the west. ■

Appropriation Committee

EXPENDITURES:	FY08	FY07
Expenses	\$543	\$126

ROLE: To advise the Town and Town Meeting on all fiscal matters.

APPOINTED by the Moderator for overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Alan Levine, Vice-Chair Deborah Brown (succeeding Rod Cole), John Bartenstein, Richard Eurich, Pam Hoffman, Michael Kennealy, Susan McLeish, Eric Michelson, Glenn Parker (replacing Rod Cole), and Rob Addelson, Assistant Town Manager for Finance/Town Comptroller, ex-officio member. In October, John Bartenstein succeeded Deborah Brown as Vice-Chair.

HIGHLIGHTS:

2008 Annual Town Meeting

Supported the following:

- **Art. 4:** Appropriating the operating budget for school and town operations, including the Town's assessment for the Minuteman Regional High School 2008-2009 school year. The Committee offered an amendment in the form of a resolution expressing concern about the rate of growth of health benefit expenses and urging the investigation of options for reducing this rate of growth. (Amendment adopted unanimously.) The Committee opposed two other amendments: (1) an amendment to reduce line item 1100 (schools) by \$95,000; and (2) a resolution urging the School Committee not to implement full-day kindergarten in FY2009. The Committee also supported the Selectmen's motion of reconsideration and subsequent amendment of various line items to fund the appropriation of \$24,000 for trees approved under Art. 7.
- **Art. 5:** Appropriating the FY2009 enterprise fund budgets:
 - a. Water: \$6,545,020
 - b. Wastewater (sewer): \$7,148,801
 - c. Recreation: \$1,676,083
- **Art. 6:** Appropriating \$45,000 for a Senior Service Program.
- **Art. 8:** Authorizing certain departmental revolving funds:
 - DPW Burial Containers: \$35,000
 - DPW Compost Operation: \$254,000
 - LexMedia Operations: \$400,000
 - Trees: \$20,000
 - Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste Program: \$175,000
 - Health Programs: \$7,000
 - Council on Aging Programs: \$100,000
 - School Bus Transportation: \$830,000
 - Public Facilities Revolving Fund: \$191,000
 - Tourism/Liberty Ride: \$125,630
- **Art. 9:** Appropriating for the FY2009 Community Preservation Committee operating budget and for CPA projects. The Committee supported:



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Front (left to right): Eric Michelson, Alan Levine (chair), Glenn Parker; Rear: (left to right): John Bartenstein (vice chair), Susan McLeish (secretary), Pam Hoffman.

Part 1 reserving \$430,564 for the Open Space Reserve; \$1,361,900 for the Historic Preservation Reserve; \$638,293 for the Community Housing Reserve; and \$1,874,884 for the general, undesignated reserve

Part 2, (b)-(g), (i)-(n), and (q)-(r), and indefinite postponement of (h), (o), and (p)

- **Art. 14:** Appropriating for recreation capital projects:
 - a. \$77,000 for the center complex restroom renovation
 - b. \$100,000 to improve the Bridge School athletic fields
- **Art. 15:** Appropriating for municipal capital projects and equipment: (a)-(c), (e)-(n).
- **Art. 16:** Appropriating \$1,800,000 for water distribution improvements.
- **Art. 17:** Appropriating \$1,300,000 for sewer improvements.
- **Art. 18:** Appropriating \$835,000 for school capital improvement projects (a)-(d) pertaining to school technology, preK-12 Facility Master Plan, food service equipment, and classroom furniture.
- **Art. 19:** Appropriating for public facilities capital projects (a)-(d) and (f), and indefinite postponement of (e) and (g).
- **Art. 20:** Appropriating \$50,000 to the Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (LexHAB) for affordable housing purposes.
- **Art. 21:** Appropriating \$3,650 (in addition to money appropriated under Art. 24 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting) for the construction of Laconia Street (funds to be transferred from line item 3100-3600 DPW Expenses of the FY2008 operating budget appropriated under Art. 21 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting).
- **Art. 22:** Appropriating \$400,000 to the town's Post Employment Insurance Liability Fund.
- **Art. 23:** Rescinding un-issued portions of prior borrowing authorizations.

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- **Art. 24:** Establishing and appropriating to specified stabilization funds:
 - a. Creation of a Special Education Stabilization Fund
 - b. Appropriation of:
 - 1) \$65,093 to the Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation Stabilization Fund (funds to be transferred from the Lexpress Transportation Demand Management Special Revenue Account)
 - 2) \$350,000 to the Special Education Stabilization Fund (funds to be transferred from line item 1100 of the FY2008 budget appropriated under Art. 21 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting)
- **Art. 25:** Appropriating \$1,000,000 to the Stabilization Fund.
- **Art. 27:** Amending the FY2008 operating budget.
- **Art. 28:** Appropriating \$60,000 (in addition to previously-appropriated funds of \$85,000) for reconstructing the center basketball court.
- **Art. 32:** Amending Chapter 107 of the code of the Town of Lexington to add the following text at the end of Sec. 107-4: “the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to abate any such interest charges, in whole or in part.”
- **Art. 33:** Amending Chapter 32 of the Code of the Town of Lexington by adding a new Sec. 32-4 which allows Town departments, under the supervision of the Town Manager and subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and annual appropriations, to enter into contracts with terms greater than 3 years.
- **Art. 37:** Amending the code for fees to remove protected trees to establish a minimum fee of at least 5 dollars per DBH inch of protected tree.
- **Art. 41:** Adopting a resolution regarding municipal electric utilities and the re-filing of H3319 (a bill to make new municipal electric utilities possible in Massachusetts) for the 2009-2010 legislative session.
- **Art. 44:** Reconfirming prior votes authorizing the Selectmen to petition the General Court for certain Acts:
 - a. Vote under Art. 14 of the warrant for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting (Municipal Lighting Plant)
 - b. Vote under Art. 11 of the warrant for the 2006 Annual Town Meeting (amend referendum provisions of Chapter 215 of the Acts of 1929)
 - c. Vote under Art. 8 of the warrant for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting (amend notice provision of Chapter 215 of the Acts of 1929)
 - d. Vote under Article 23 of the warrant for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting (income limits for real property tax deferrals)

Opposed the following:

- **Art. 7:** Appropriating \$24,000 for the purpose of planting street trees. Town Meeting approved the appropriation.
- **Art. 9:** Part 2, (a) appropriating \$25,000 from the Community Housing Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund to survey and define Affordable Housing Programs.

- **Art. 15:** Appropriating for municipal capital project: (d) \$370,000 for sidewalk reconstruction in the Central Business District.

2008 Special Town Meeting

Supported the following:

- **Art. 3:** Amending the FY2009 operating budget to reflect additional revenue and expenses not anticipated at the time of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.
- **Art. 4:** Amending the FY2009 enterprise fund budgets.
- **Art. 5:** Appropriating \$181,517 from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund for a land purchase.
- **Art. 6:** Appropriating an additional \$35,135 from the undesignated fund balance of the Community Preservation Fund for construction of the Harrington preschool playground.
- **Art. 7:** Appropriating to specified stabilization funds: (1) Transportation Demand/Public Transportation and (2) Traffic Mitigation.
- **Art. 8:** Appropriating \$35,000 for a Munroe School feasibility study (for use as a community/senior center). This motion was not adopted.

Planning and budgeting for future years

In conjunction with the Selectmen, School Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee, and municipal and school staff, the Appropriation Committee evaluates and supports the Town's current and long-range financial planning processes. Its efforts include assessing the Town's current financial condition and projecting free cash, expenses, and revenues for future years.

Nationally and here in Massachusetts, the economy entered a recession in 2008. This will pose considerable fiscal challenges to Lexington in 2009 and 2010. In some fundamental ways, the Town is well-situated to weather this crisis better than many communities. Lexington has continued to maintain its AAA bond rating, the highest rating awarded by Moody's. The Town has steadily accumulated stabilization funds; such “rainy day” funds are specifically designed to assist the Town during economic downturns. The Committee will work with the Town's elected and appointed boards and with staff to address the challenges posed by the State and National economic crisis.

Health benefit expense growth continues to outpace revenue growth. The Committee has spent considerable time investigating options for reducing these expenses – most notable the State's Group Insurance Commission (GIC) plan. Work will continue in this area in 2009.

Staff recognition

The Committee is especially appreciative of the dedication, long hours, and seemingly inexhaustible efforts of the municipal and school staff. Their counsel and service to the Committee, and the community, are invaluable. ■

Capital Expenditures Committee

ROLE: To receive from Town boards and departments a list of all capital expenditures that may be required within the ensuing 5-year period and to prompt them to undertake appropriate planning for required future capital expenditures; to consider the relative need, timing, and cost of these projects, the adequacy thereof, and the effect these expenditures might have on the financial position of the Town; and to make recommendations thereon to Town Meeting.

APPOINTED by the Moderator to overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Charles Lamb, Vice-Chair Ted Edson, William Hurley, David Kanter, and Shirley Stolz. In June, William Hurley was reappointed to his second 3-year term.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **DPW Facility Reconstruction:** In June 2007, Town Meeting and the voters approved a \$25,180,000 debt exclusion to fund construction of a new DPW facility at 201 Bedford Street. Ground-breaking was in December 2007, with completion anticipated in the first half of 2009. Construction is proceeding with LEEDS Silver certification anticipated.
- **Land Acquisition:** At the Special Town Meeting in November 2008, a \$186,100 appropriation for two parcels of conservation land was approved. One parcel (9.5 acres) abuts the Pine Meadows Gold Course and the other (10.7 acres) is off of Hartwell Ave.
- **Consolidated Building Department:** The Town completed integrating school and municipal facilities into a consolidated building department. This will result in more efficient operations.
- **Capital Stewardship and Planning for the Future:** The Town has an extensive infrastructure that requires constant attention, repair, upgrading, and replacement. Failure to attend to these assets results in unsafe conditions, excessive repair costs, reduced productivity by employees who must operate from substandard facilities or offices, impaired quality of service (as in school or recreational facilities), and other costs, which tend to increase when maintenance and necessary investments and



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From left to right: Bill Hurley, Shirley Stolz, Charles Lamb, David Kanter, Ted Edson.

updating are deferred. Concerns include the “White House” next to the police station, formerly used as school administration offices, and now temporary space for the Department of Public Works. Longer term, four additional elementary schools require upgrading, as well as possible additional space. The Water and Sewer Department must continuously renew Lexington’s underground infrastructure. Roofs, electrical, and HVAC equipment must be periodically replaced in all school and municipal buildings. Playgrounds need safe equipment, the pool complex requires periodic restoration, athletic fields need constant attention, tennis courts need resurfacing, and the golf course must be professionally maintained. Vehicles, from fire trucks and ambulances to snow plows and dump trucks, need to be replaced. The Committee also considers the future use and condition of such important Lexington assets as the Stone Building (formerly the East Lexington Library), Munroe School (now in use as the arts center), the future use of the old Harrington School, and the desire of the Council on Aging for facilities suitable for its future needs. The Town must stay the course, responsibly funding the support and maintenance of Lexington’s infrastructure. Since all Town needs cannot be funded at one time, it is vital that a priority list of needs with suggested funding and timing be developed. ■

TAX LEVY AND TAX RATES: FISCAL YEAR 2008

Class	Levy %	Valuation	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	78.9008%	\$6,945,049,000	\$12.52	\$86,952,013
Open Space	0.0000%	\$0		\$0
Commerical	14.5955%	\$680,770,000	\$23.63	\$16,086,595
Industrial	3.2788%	\$152,930,000	\$23.63	\$3,613,736
Personal	3.2249%	\$150,415,350	\$23.63	\$3,554,315
Total	100%	\$7,929,164,350		\$110,206,659

Capital Appropriations for the 2008 Town Meeting

	Title	Amount	Funding Source
Article 9(a)	Survey and Define Homebuyer Assistance Program	\$25,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(b)	Belfry Hill Tree Restoration	\$9,850	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(c)	Hancock-Clarke House Restoration	\$600,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(d)	Old Reservoir Management	\$60,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(e)	Vynebrook Village Windows	\$158,686	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(f)	Archive Record Management and Conservation	\$150,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(g)	Parker Manor Condo Purchase (3 Units)	\$652,800	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(i)	Harrington Pre-School Playground	\$75,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(j)	School Administration Building/Old Harrington	\$400,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(k)	Town Office Complex Building Envelope	\$95,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(l)	East Lexington Fire Station	\$47,500	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(m)	ADA-Accessible Bathrooms and Signs for Town Office Building	\$70,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(q)	Munroe Fire Prevention System Replacement	\$579,550	Community Preservation Act
Article 9(r)	Administrative Expenses	\$50,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 14(a)	Center Complex Restroom Renovation	\$77,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 14(b)	Park Improvements – Athletic Fields	\$100,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 15(a)	Woburn Street Reconstruction	\$1,400,000	Tax Levy (Debt) (\$700,000), Chapter 90 (\$700,000)
Article 15(b)	DPW Equipment Replacement	\$510,000	Tax Levy (Bond) (\$275,822), Compost Fund (Debt) (\$217,000), Tax Levy (2002 Annual Town Meeting, Article 8(c)) (\$3,834), Tax Levy (2005 Annual Town Meeting, Article 32(e)) (\$13,344)
Article 15(c)	Sidewalk Improvements	\$275,000	Tax Levy (Bond)
Article 15(d)	Center Business District Sidewalks	\$370,000	Tax Levy (Bond)
Article 15(e)	Geographic Information System	\$184,350	Tax Levy (Bond) (\$129,045), Water Enterprise Fund, (Retained Earnings, \$33,183), Wastewater Enterprise Fund (Retained Earnings, \$22,122)
Article 15(f)	Storm Drain Improvements	\$160,000	Tax Levy (Cash) (\$148,519), Tax Levy (2005 Annual Town Meeting, Article 32(c)) (\$11,481)
Article 15(g)	Hydrant Replacement Program	\$50,000	Tax Levy (Cash) (\$25,000), Water Enterprise Fund (Retained Earnings, \$25,000)

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Capital Appropriations for the 2008 Town Meeting (continued)

	Title	Amount	Funding Source
Article 15(h)	Street Improvements	\$525,000	Tax Levy (Cash, FY2001 Override set-aside) (\$500,000), Tax Levy (Cash) (\$25,000)
Article 15(i)	Traffic Mitigation	\$50,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 15(j)	Replacement of Rescue 2	\$200,000	Tax Levy (Debt) (\$195,262), Tax Levy (2004 Annual Town Meeting, Article 17) (\$4,738)
Article 15(k)	Police/Fire Mobile Computerization	\$156,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 15(l)	Permit Tracking Software	\$100,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 15(m)	Town/School Phone Needs Assessment	\$30,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 15(n)	Head-End Equipment Replacement	\$60,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 16	Water Distribution Improvements	\$1,800,000	Water Enterprise Fund (Debt)
Article 17(a)	Wastewater System Improvements	\$1,200,000	Wastewater Enterprise Fund (Debt)
Article 18(a)	School Technology	\$600,000	Tax Levy (Debt) (\$465,000), Tax Levy (2005 Annual Town Meeting, Article 30(a)) (\$135,000)
Article 18(b)	Pre-KS12 Master Plan	\$155,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 18(c)	Food Service Equipment	\$55,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 18(d)	Classroom Furniture	\$25,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 19(a)	School Lockers (Bowman/Estabrook)	\$160,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 19(b)	Mechanical Systems Replacement, Phase 2 (Clarke)	\$1,290,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 19(c)	School Buildings Roofing Renovation	\$200,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 19(d)	Auditorium Remodeling – Diamond	\$125,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 19(e)	Extraordinary Repairs – Clarke/Diamond	\$65,000	Tax Levy (Debt)
Article 19(f)	Multi-Disciplinary Support Team Construction (High School)	\$80,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 19(g)	Safe Parent Pick-Up and Parking	\$65,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 19(h)	Remove Estabrook Oil Tank	\$50,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 19(i)	Building Envelope	\$153,750	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 19(k)	Fire Headquarters Redesign	\$40,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 28	Supplemental Appropriation 2007 Annual Town Meeting Article 29 (Center Basketball Court)	\$60,000	Tax Levy (Cash)

2008 Fall Special Town Meeting

Article 5	Land Purchase	\$186,100	Community Preservation Act
Article 6	Harrington Pre-School Playground (Supplemental appropriation to Article 9(i) from the 2008 Annual Town Meeting)	\$35,135	Community Preservation Act

Board of Assessors

EXPENDITURES

	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$312,902....	\$290,900
Expenses	\$ 94,643....	\$ 59,593

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ROLE: To assess the value of Lexington's real and personal property. Efforts are focused on the maintenance of an extensive database for valuation purposes according to Massachusetts General Laws.

APPOINTED by the Lexington Town Manager: Chairman William W. Jackson, Steven R. Foster, and Edmund C. Grant. The Lexington Town Assessor is Joseph H. Nugent, Jr.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fiscal Year 2009 was an interim year for the Town of Lexington. The assessed values were adjusted for market conditions based upon calendar 2007 as the year of analysis. First, the BOA and its staff worked extensively with software (from vendor Vision Appraisal, Inc.) on the assessment process. Then, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) reviewed and approved Lexington's assessed values. Finally, Lexington's Board of Selectmen set the Town's FY09 tax rates (Residential @ \$12.97 and Commercial, Industrial and Personal, CIP, @ \$24.62).
- The average single-family Residential property value in Lexington remained constant from calendar year 2006 to

Assessments for Fiscal 2009

Property Class	No. of Parcels – FY09	Assessed Value FY09
Single-Family	8,934	\$6,274,760,000
Condominiums	848	\$351,273,000
Two-Family	180	\$113,432,000
Three-Family	12	\$8,303,000
Multiple Units	14	\$143,874,000
Land	596	\$48,433,000
Misc. Residential	39	\$39,944,000
Commercial	410	\$691,470,000
Industrial	40	\$165,669,000
Agricultural (61A)	5	\$82,000
Recreation (61B)	8	\$2,914,000
Mixed Use (Resid/Comm)	22	\$19,526,000
Personal Property/Utilities	970	\$173,928,130
Totals	12,078	\$8,033,608,130

calendar year 2007 (the year of analysis for FY09), while the overall CIP property values increased 5.9% during the same period.

- In terms of "New Growth": Residential increased 19.6%, CIP increased 21.6%. On balance, there was a substantial "net" increase of 20.3% in New Growth for Lexington in FY09. ■

Debt Service Summary

(Note: Figures are rounded to the closest dollar.)	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12-28
Culture & Recreation	\$ 916,180	\$ 880,958	\$ 772,085	\$ 6,221,906
General Government	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
Public Safety	\$ 493,569	\$ 330,074	\$ 308,724	\$ 410,542
Public Works	\$ 1,013,323	\$ 772,000	\$ 706,365	\$ 805,514
Schools	\$ 1,332,290	\$ 1,010,633	\$ 717,395	\$ 2,832,609
Exempt (school & town)	\$ 6,129,590	\$ 5,819,222	\$ 5,637,948	\$56,959,766
Sub Total	\$ 9,884,951	\$ 8,812,886	\$ 8,142,516	\$67,230,337
Enterprise Fund Debt:				
Water	\$ 502,724	\$ 508,197	\$ 478,619	\$ 1,359,255
Sewer	\$ 299,482	\$ 304,129	\$ 207,589	\$ 439,532
Sub Total	\$ 802,206	\$ 812,326	\$ 686,208	\$ 1,798,788
Totals	\$10,687,157	\$ 9,625,212	\$ 8,828,724	\$69,029,124

Retirement Board

ROLE: To oversee, guide, monitor, and enforce the Massachusetts Pension Laws governing the Town's retirement system; to invest the System's assets prudently for the purpose of providing the benefits guaranteed to the public employees qualifying under the plan.

ELECTED by the members of the Retirement System: to 3-year terms ending in 2111, Chair Robert W. Cunha and Joseph Foley.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Michael McNabb to a 3-year term ending in 2111. By the Retirement Board: Alan Fields to a 3-year term ending in the year 2010. Rob Addelson, the Assistant Town Manager for Finance, is an ex-officio member named by the Board of Selectmen.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The System consists of a combination of 383 retirees, three non-contributory retirees, and 628 active and 245 inactive members.

This year, 9 Town employees retired, 32 members withdrew, 62 members transferred to another system, 23 members transferred in, 97 new members were added, and 14 retirees deceased. Currently there are 33 disability retirements.

- Town meeting approved the passage of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2006, an Act that provides an increase in the accidental death benefit for surviving children of parents who have died while in service to the Town. This amount is to be equal to the dependant allowance paid to accidental disability retirees.
- Under Chapter 17, the Retirement Board can grant a cost of living adjustment (COLA) up to 3% on the first \$12,000. The Consumer Price Index was 5.8%, but the Board was limited to a 3% cost of living increase this year.
- The Board continued the process of broadening the System's asset allocation to include a new asset strategy. The board added the Beacon Fund V, which is a value-added closed-end real estate strategy. This fund will invest a portfolio of primarily office properties in a limited set of markets. This new fund was selected to work with the Wellington Trust Company, which manages the Wellington Emerging Companies, the Opportunistic Investment Portfolio, and the Wellington Asia Pacific x-Japan Fund. Fidelity Institutional Retirement Services Company manages our Contrafund. The Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund invests in an all-cap equity strategy for the System, while Earnest Partners manages a dedicated mid-cap strategy. Acadian Non-U.S. All Cap International Equity fund and the Julius Baer International Equity II fund round out our international investments. PIMCO manages our tactical allocation strategy. State Street Bank and Trust Company handles the Board's Institutional Custodian Banking along with the SSgA Passive Bond Mkt. Index Fund, which replaced the Wellington Intermediated Bond Fund.

- As fiduciaries, the Board carefully established an asset-allocation policy using a mixture of stocks, bonds, international funds and cash equivalents. With the assistance of the Board's investment consultant, Meketa Investment Group, the asset-allocation policy is reviewed annually, and adjustments are made as necessary. The success of the investment program will continue to be determined by the extent of our portfolio diversification among and within asset classes as well as our skill in hiring and our diligence in monitoring strong investment managers. The Board is committed to long-term investment strategies, asset allocations, and diversification of investments
- An actuarial valuation of the Retirement System as of January was prepared by Buck Consultants.

The valuation was prepared pursuant to Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, based on the acceptance of Section 22D. The Board considered several different funding schedules during the course of the valuation before adopting one that amortizes the unfunded liability through 2015. In the 2006 valuation the System was 89% funded and currently in 2008 stands at 100% funded. Our Retirement system became one of only three town Retirement Systems in the state to become fully funded. Since the valuation was performed, a major financial market correction occurred and the board made adjustments to our funding that reflects

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Contributory Retirement System—12/31/08

	12/31/08	12/31/07
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 0	\$ 3,953,494
Fixed Income		
Well. Intermediate Bonds	0	4,624,697
SSgA Passive Bond Mkt Index	6,025,127	0
Total Fixed Income	\$ 6,025,127	\$ 4,624,697
Equities		
Acadian Int'l All Cap Fund	3,572,137	10,721,301
Artio Global Investors*	4,900,190	12,117,359
Beacon Capital**	3,163,494	3,600,000
Earnest Partners	4,613,602	7,593,076
Fidelity Contrafund	9,643,639	16,142,914
Hartford Capital Appreciation	8,468,037	15,644,017
PIMCO All Asset Fund	18,906,025	21,225,105
Wellington Emerging Co	3,921,615	5,935,138
Wellington Opportunistic Fund	12,744,191	17,368,343
Wellington PC exJapan	1,369,696	5,815,277
Total Equities	\$ 71,302,626	\$ 116,162,530
Total Assets	\$ 81,281,247	\$ 120,787,227

*Julius Baer is now Artio Global Investors

** As of 9/30/08

the decline in our assets. The market value of the System on December 31, 1998, was \$69 million and as of December 31, 2008, was approximately \$81 million.

- The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission completed an examination of the Retirement

System that covered the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. The audit found the financial records and management functions of the System are being performed in conformity with the standards established by the Commission. ■

Office of the Treasurer/Collector

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
Payroll.....	\$210,707....	\$192,165
Expenses.....	\$67,691....	\$61,649
PERSONNEL		
Full Time.....	4.....	4
Part Time.....	1.....	1

ROLE: To perform the duties of Treasurer and Collector as outlined in Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.), Chapter 41. As Treasurer, responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all Town funds as well as the management of investment policies, debt, and, in conjunction with the Town Manager, employee benefits. As Collector, issues and collects all Real Estate, Motor Vehicle, Personal Property, and Water/Sewer bills, as assessed.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Arnold Lovering, January 2008.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Real Estate tax collections totaled \$106,119,910, including collection of prior-year taxes. Outstanding accounts were put in payment plans or subjected to tax title and the associated foreclosure process.
- Personal Property tax collections totaled \$3,314,781.
- Motor Vehicle Excise tax collections totaled \$3,758,043. These bills were based upon information provided by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Overdue accounts were committed to the Deputy Collector, who, under M.G.L., marked these accounts for license and registration non-renewal.
- Water/Sewer collections totaled \$14,062,677.
- Investment income for all town accounts was \$2,751,118 of which \$1,166,272 was credited to the General Fund. All investments are made according to M.G.L. When investing the Town's money, considerations are safety, liquidity, and yield, in that order. ■

During Fiscal Year 2008, the following debt was issued:

- Issued \$7,203,000 in General Obligation Bonds for the following purposes:

Water Mains.....	\$ 400,000
Water Meters.....	\$ 250,000
Fiske Elementary.....	\$ 882,000
Fiske Elementary.....	\$ 162,000
White House Planning.....	86,000
Sewer Improvements.....	\$ 25,000
Public Works Facility.....	\$ 720,000
Public Works Facility.....	\$1,600,000
Public Works Facility.....	\$ 18,600,000
Fire Equipment.....	\$ 5,000
Sidewalk Reconstruction.....	\$ 150,000
Fire Alarm.....	\$ 142,000
DPW Equipment.....	\$ 516,000
Woburn Street Reconstruction.....	\$ 85,000
Sidewalk Improvements.....	\$ 100,000
School Capital Projects.....	\$ 420,000
	\$ 24,143,000

- Issued \$3,514,610 in Bond Anticipation Notes for the following purposes:

Sewer Improvements.....	\$ 110
Fiske School.....	\$ 153,500
Fire Engine.....	\$ 2,000
Sewer Improvements.....	\$ 50,000
Tennis Courts.....	\$ 65,000
Methane Mitigation Wall.....	\$ 64,000
Woburn Street Reconstruction.....	\$ 35,000
Geographic Information System.....	\$ 165,000
Storm Drain Improvements.....	\$ 175,000
Sidewalk Improvements.....	\$ 10,000
School Remodeling & Equipment.....	\$1,265,000
School Technology.....	\$ 280,000
Park Improvements.....	\$ 25,000
Street Reconstruction.....	\$ 350,000
Sidewalk Improvements 2.....	\$ 275,000
School Remodeling.....	\$ 600,000

Tax Deferral and Exemption Study Committee

ROLE: To study, understand, and evaluate options for helping lower-income citizens, particularly seniors, with their property taxes. To research existing state legislation which enables local tax exemptions and deferrals, estimate the probable cost to the town budget, and advise the Selectmen on the costs and benefits, pros and cons of each option. To track legislation currently under development by the Commonwealth and to encourage legislation beneficial to town interests.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Co-Chairs Vicki Blier and Patricia Costello, Joel Adler, Mary Haskell, William Kennedy, Anne McQuilken, Board Liaison, Norman Cohen. Appropriations Committee Liaison, John Bartenstein. Staff Liaison, Lauren McSweeney.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Continued to follow legislation pertaining to tax exemptions and deferrals
- Joined with the Property Tax Relief Committee of the Massachusetts Council on Aging to follow tax exemptions and deferrals offered by other communities and emerging at the state level.
- Updated the Committee's brochure, Property Tax Relief for Seniors, with current information for distribution by the Town.
- Responded to an FY2008 Town Meeting citizen article brought forth by Benjamin Cohen requesting a home-rule petition to raise income eligibility levels and lower the qualifying age for property tax deferrals. The Committee consulted with Town officials and advised the Selectmen on a substitute motion which would provide the Town with greater options for creating its own program. Due to a crowded legislative calendar, this home-rule petition did not proceed to a vote in 2007, but State Representative Jay Kaufman reintroduced the petition (HR4262,) and the chairs and Town Manager Carl Valente provided testimony and were successful in having the bill passed.
- The committee continued to do research and participate in discussions with Town officials to formulate a new eligibility standard for the Town's deferral program that is both fiscally prudent and beneficial to deserving seniors. A motion for a new eligibility standard will be put before the Spring 2009 Town Meeting.
- At the request of the Selectmen, the Committee researched, consulted with town officials, and prepared a report on defining eligibility and benefit rules for Lexington's water and sewer discounts for deserving residents. Our recommendation to provide a 30% water and sewer discount to rate-payers who receive fuel assistance under the federal LIHEAP fuel-assistance program was adopted by the Town, and 15 homes received the discount. ■

Comptroller

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Payroll</i>	\$401,566	\$389,942
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 85,5256 ...	\$ 70,313

PERSONNEL

Full Time 6 6

ROLE: To oversee all financial operations of the Town, which includes the assessing of property, collecting all accounts receivable, payment of all accounts payable, investment of Town funds, maintaining accounting records, preparation of financial statements, annual audit, administration of the retirement system, and support to the Appropriation Committee.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Town Comptroller Robert N. Addelson.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Developed model to project the tax impacts of the proposed Tax Increment Financing plan for the Lexington Technology Park
- Recommended the creation of, and assisted in, the inauguration of the Water and Sewer Abatement Board
- Developed a tracking system of CPA revenues and expenditures for use by the Finance Department and the Community Preservation Committee
- Prepared a detailed financial analysis of the Joint Labor-Management Committee arbitration with the Police Union.
- Applied for and received a \$1,800,000 low-interest loan (2%) for the Fiske school construction project. ■

Comptroller Schedule of Appropriations — June 30, 2008

Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Selectmen					
Personal Services	71,246	68,527		68,527	2,719
Expenses	75,027	66,248	5,662	71,910	3,117
Town Manager					
Personal Services	397,528	397,154		397,154	374
Expenses	115,160	85,172	29,678	114,850	310
Municipal Services					
Personal Services				—	—
Expenses				—	—
Salary Adjustments					
Salary Adjustments	364,745	—	364,745	364,745	—
Appropriation Committee					
Expenses	1,500	543		543	957
Reserve Fund					
Expenses	329,868			—	329,868
Utility Billing					
Personal Services	63,268	65,426		65,426	(2,158)
Comptroller					
Personal Services	415,474	401,566	3,200	404,766	10,708
Expenses	126,454	85,526	4,752	90,278	36,176
Assessor					
Personal Services	307,229	312,902		312,902	(5,673)
Expenses	117,080	94,643	6,962	101,605	15,475
Treasurer/Collector					
Personal Services	218,934	210,707	552	211,259	7,675
Expenses	57,241	67,691	430	68,121	(10,880)
Law					
Legal Fees	414,650	414,619		414,619	31
Human Resources					
Personal Services	109,469	109,843		109,843	(374)
Expenses	235,650	211,134	21,894	233,028	2,622
Web Development					
Expenses	18,600	16,806		16,806	1,794
Management Information System					
Personal Services	112,941	69,126		69,126	43,815
Expenses	298,599	283,013	14,114	297,127	1,472
Town Network				—	—
Town Clerk					
Personal Services	201,746	200,913		200,913	833
Expenses	15,700	14,851		14,851	849
Elections					
Personal Services	41,530	35,302		35,302	6,228
Expenses	75,334	51,971	4,500	56,471	18,863
Registration					
Personal Services	1,825	1,825		1,825	—
Expenses	19,019	11,659	3,042	14,701	4,318
Records Management					
Personal Services	20,000	17,484		17,484	2,516
Expenses	39,240	30,123	8,743	38,866	374
Conservation Commission					
Personal Services	117,604	122,000		122,000	(4,396)
Expenses	10,749	8,423	2,035	10,458	291
Planning Board					
Personal Services	204,039	204,039		204,039	0
Expenses	8,007	7,015		7,015	992
Regulatory Support					
Personal Services	153,830	149,436	123	149,559	4,271
Expenses	11,314	8,674	1,200	9,874	1,440
Board of Appeals					
Personal Services				—	—
Expenses				—	—

NOTE: The above amounts include carry forward activity

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Comptroller Schedule of Appropriations — June 30, 2008 *continued from previous page*

Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Economic Development					
Personal Services	84,890	68,627		68,627	16,263
Expenses	42,600	25,874	16,820	42,694	(94)
Liberty Ride					
Personal Services	37,793	32,559		32,559	5,234
Expenses	101,815	100,584	241	100,825	990
Battle Green					
Personal Services		7,965		7,965	(7,965)
Expenses	750	571		571	179
Public Building Maintenance					
Personal Services	342,345	315,527		315,527	26,818
Expenses	718,926	683,038	22,883	705,921	13,005
Town Reports					
Expenses	6,500	6,495		6,495	5
Misc Boards & Commissions					
Expenses	4,735	3,419	30	3,449	1,286
Police					
Personal Services	4,190,990	4,131,844		4,131,844	59,146
Expenses	432,662	406,862	22,667	429,530	3,132
Parking Meter Maintenance					
Personal Services	46,508	50,853		50,853	(4,345)
Expenses	23,759	23,745		23,745	14
Fire					
Personal Services	4,261,226	4,128,053	2,100	4,130,153	131,073
Expenses	524,287	494,116	25,877	519,992	4,295
Dispatch					
Personal Services	480,599	501,094		501,094	(20,495)
Expenses	29,785	28,985	782	29,767	18
Building & Zoning Officer					
Personal Services	323,379	319,822	348	320,169	3,210
Expenses	38,080	21,966	14,976	36,941	1,139
Dog Officer					
Personal Services	21,602	22,480		22,480	(878)
Expenses	3,000	2,500	428	2,927	73
Forestry					
Personal Services	181,857	182,788		182,788	(931)
Expenses	45,957	36,613		36,613	9,344
School					
Personal Services & Expenses	69,944,968	65,585,380	2,926,670	68,512,050	1,432,918
Minuteman	1,194,216	1,194,216		1,194,216	-
Town Engineer					
Personal Services	433,126	437,325		437,325	(4,199)
Expenses	45,327	43,350	5,136	48,485	(3,158)
DPW Administration					
Personal Services	428,752	431,798		431,798	(3,046)
Expenses	32,240	32,323	219	32,542	(302)
Snow Removal					
Personal Services	364,033	564,390		564,390	(200,357)
Expenses	784,069	1,073,443	7,307	1,080,750	(296,681)
Highway					
Personal Services	612,102	565,261		565,261	46,841
Expenses	338,172	235,685	100,005	335,689	2,483
Road Machinery					
Personal Services	176,093	133,493		133,493	42,600
Expenses	496,992	491,831	3,696	495,527	1,465
Street Lighting					
Personal Services	15,500	15,500		15,500	-
Expenses	319,070	288,879	13,258	302,136	16,934
Lexpress					
Personal Services	37,953	39,041		39,041	(1,088)
Expenses	378,813	378,138		378,138	675
Chair Car Services					
Personal Services				-	-
Expenses				-	-

NOTE: The above amounts include carry forward activity

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Comptroller Schedule of Appropriations — June 30, 2008 *continued from previous page*

Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Refuse Collection Expenses	798,668	798,668		798,668	—
Recycling Personal Services Expenses	843,522	827,431	5,746	833,177	10,345
Refuse Disposal Expenses	622,400	616,157		616,157	6,243
Cemetery Personal Services Expenses	192,851 52,446	195,795 63,032	453	195,795 63,484	(2,944) (11,038)
Parking Lot Maintenance Personal Services Expenses	91,906 31,320	92,189 29,972	300	92,189 30,272	(283) 1,048
Board of Health Personal Services Expenses	146,714 47,174	108,805 43,368	711	108,805 44,079	37,909 3,095
Services for Youth Personal Services Expenses	50,715 2,000	30,486 1,764		30,486 1,764	20,229 236
Human Service & Vet Admin Personal Services Expenses	38,488 22,620	29,332 20,718		29,332 20,718	9,156 1,902
Developmentally Disabled Expenses	14,839	13,602		13,602	1,237
Council on Aging Personal Services Expenses	126,750 86,891	117,508 90,428	1,977	117,508 92,405	9,242 (5,514)
Council on Aging - Nutrition Expenses				—	—
Council on Aging - Recreation Personal Services Expenses	14,784 3,025	22,875 2,998		22,875 2,998	(8,091) 27
Elder Services Personal Services Expenses	29,839 574	33,852 574		33,852 574	(4,013) —
Council on Aging - Adult Day Care Personal Services Expenses	143,146 153,584	129,768 85,468	10,000	129,768 95,468	13,378 58,116
Library Personal Services Expenses	1,636,700 459,762	1,518,076 408,119	30,000 46,000	1,548,076 454,119	88,624 5,643
Parks Personal Services Expenses	705,582 117,074	647,294 126,496	450	647,294 126,946	58,288 (9,872)
Historical Commission Personal Services				—	—
Public Celebration Expenses	29,000	28,964		28,964	36
Debt Service Principal Interest Interest Short Term Interest Short Term(exempt)	2,833,980 703,832 147,525	5,885,980 2,061,857 41,997 218,082		5,885,980 2,061,857 41,997 218,082	(3,052,000) (1,358,025) 105,528 (218,082)
Other State Assessment & Chgs Contributory Retirement Noncontributory Retirement Unemployment Workers Compensation Insurance	3,449,284 41,219 171,552 319,586 20,239,972	686,756 3,381,300 41,218 132,992 311,102 19,540,275	14,703 8,484 79,763	686,756 3,381,300 41,218 147,694 319,586 19,620,037	(686,756) 67,984 1 23,858 — 619,934
Total General Fund	126,685,394	125,316,094	3,833,658	129,149,752	(2,464,358)

NOTE: The above amounts include carry forward activity

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Enterprise Funds – June 30, 2008

Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Sewer Fund					
Personal Services	245,291	224,349		224,349	20,942
Expenses	430,272	315,941	14,135	330,076	100,196
MWRA	5,630,863	5,630,863		5,630,863	–
Art 27 of 99	224,922	224,922		224,922	0
Art 10 of 98	155,982	153,879	2,104	155,982	0
Art 8F of 03				–	–
Art 18E of 04	71,279	52,622	6,498	59,119	12,160
Art 20 of 04	600,000	285,851	186,296	472,146	127,854
Art 31 of 06	300,000	1,728		1,728	298,272
Art 33 of 07 I	1,200,000	133	45,000	45,133	1,154,867
Art 33 of 07 II	100,000	24,000		24,000	76,000
Art 30 of 06	67,775	34,310		34,310	33,465
Debt Service	482,424	439,792		439,792	42,632
Total Sewer Fund	9,508,808	7,388,389	254,033	7,642,422	1,866,386
Water Fund					
Personal Services	581,656	574,104		574,104	7,552
Expenses	571,439	492,217	7,077	499,293	72,146
MWRA	4,117,805	4,117,775		4,117,775	30
Art 32 of 07	1,800,000		134,000	134,000	1,666,000
Art 9 of 03	4,611	4,611		4,611	0
Art 9 of 02	309,438	222,656	84,588	307,244	2,194
Art 11 of 01				–	–
Art 19 of 04	261,240	199,746	61,494	261,240	0
Art 29 of 06	873,052	334,613	4,826	339,439	533,613
Art 30 of 06	23,828	23,828		23,828	0
Art 31Q of 07	50,000	12,210		12,210	37,790
Debt Service	504,246	425,565		425,565	78,681
Total Water Fund	9,097,315	6,407,325	291,984	6,699,309	2,398,006
Recreation Fund					
Personal Services	570,340	550,252		550,252	20,088
Recreation Pine Meadows Expense	521,785	475,163	15,116	490,279	31,506
Expenses	476,787	472,729	17,441	490,170	(13,383)
Art 8I of 00				–	–
Art 8H of 01				–	–
Art 18H of 04 Playground Improv				–	–
Art 18I of 04 Tennis Court Improv	2,274	2,274		2,274	0
Art 8E of 02				–	–
Art 16 of 03	15,859			–	15,859
Art 12 of 00				–	–
Art 8B of 02	107			–	107
Art 30 of 99	74,436	38,875	10,012	48,887	25,550
Art 8B of 03	39			–	39
Art 26 of 05	26,089	8,051	3,500	11,551	14,538
Art 28 of 05	30,561	23,134		23,134	7,427
Art 27A of 06	6,456			–	6,456
Art 27B of 06	49,830	45,000		45,000	4,830
Art 27C of 06	1,437			–	1,437
Art 29A of 07	85,000	11,896	1,210	13,107	71,893
Art 29B of 07	130,000	13,416	1,210	14,626	115,374
Art 29C of 07	50,000	12,540		12,540	37,460
Total Recreation Fund	2,041,000	1,653,329	48,489	1,701,818	339,182

Revenues/Expenditures and Fund Balance – June 30, 2008

	FUND TYPES				
	General	Governmental Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Expendable Trust	Combined Totals Memorandum Only 2008
REVENUE:					
Property Taxes	109,459,734	2,763,778			112,223,512
Intergovernmental	9,083,558	9,986,483	2,160,076	5,389	21,235,506
Motor Vehicle & Other Excise Tax	4,052,260				4,052,260
Departmental Fees & Charges	2,843,368	6,657,876		13,475	9,514,719
Investment Income	1,693,443	153,152		443,918	2,290,514
Special Assessments	128,963				128,963
Payments in Lieu of Tax	803,594				803,594
Penalties & Interest	317,016				317,016
Licenses & Permits	1,920,467				1,920,467
Fines & Forfeits	370,368				370,368
Total Revenues	\$130,672,771	\$19,561,289	\$2,160,076	\$462,782	152,856,919
EXPENDITURES:					
General Government	5,069,020	1,633,292		8,072	6,710,384
Public Safety	10,351,721	998,153	829,739	20,470	12,200,083
Education	66,779,596	9,546,051	1,555,570		77,881,217
Public Works	7,353,701	2,805,991	10,786,479		20,946,171
Health & Human Services	731,548	154,411	56,421		942,380
Culture & Recreation	2,728,950	25,913	53,583	5,856	2,814,302
State & County Assessments	686,756				686,756
Debt Service	8,207,916				8,207,916
Pension	3,422,519				3,422,519
Insurance	19,984,368	13,240			19,997,608
Total Expenditures	\$125,316,095	\$15,177,051	\$13,281,791	\$34,398	\$153,809,335
Excess (Deficiency) of Rev over Exp	5,356,676	4,384,239	(11,121,715)	428,384	(952,416)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Proceeds of BANS/GANS/Refundings	0	885,000	30,476,500	0	31,361,500
Repayment of BANS/GANS/Refundings	0	0	(10,802,000)	0	(10,802,000)
Transfer from Reserve for Abatements		0			0
Transfer from other Funds	2,412,942	550,000	1,545,233	1,828,036	6,336,211
Transfer to other Funds	(3,205,233)		(137,057)	(223,000)	(3,565,290)
Total Other (Uses)	(\$792,291)	\$1,435,000	\$21,082,676	\$1,605,036	\$23,330,421
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$4,564,386	\$5,819,243	\$9,960,960	\$2,033,420	\$22,378,005
Fund Balance, Beg. of Year	\$12,103,718	\$6,277,506	\$6,545,319	\$4,735,107	\$29,661,654
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$16,668,104	\$12,096,749	\$16,506,279	\$6,768,527	\$52,039,659

Includes actual expenses only.

Revenues, Expenditures & Fund Balance – Special Revenue – June 30, 2008

	Balance July 1, 2007	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2008
School Lunch	0	253,075	1,585,445	1,701,985	34,715	101,820
School Lunch Total	0	253,075	1,585,445	1,701,985	34,715	101,820
Other Special Revenue						
Hanscom/Massport Litigation	11,960					11,960
CMARC Gifts	0					0
No Place for Hate FY07	1,000					1,000
H.A.T.S.	291					291
Sale of RE - Receipts Reserved	12,855					12,855
Verizon	0	2,380			2,380	0
Lexington Center Benches	34,139		7,920	14,742		27,317
Massport Intern Grant	1,100		3,500	3,241		1,359
Bikeway	2,243		50	699		1,594
Arch Comm/MWRA - Water Tower Gift	6,500	12,096		18,500	96	0
Nextel Communications	1,729					1,729
Bldg Code Training	0		550	900		(350)
Cable TV Account	3,340	26,095			26,095	3,340
Peg TV Revolving Acct	558,381		379,321	650,377		287,325
Retirement Administrator	0		83,634	83,799		(165)
Flexible Spending	94,381		11,326	1,416		104,291
Sprint Communications	1,657					1,657
N.O.I. Fees	17,318		8,489			25,807
Hardy Pond Brook	17,740					17,740
Conservation - Outside Consult	0		5,500	2,380		3,120
Hartwell Ave Traffic Study	5,000					5,000
Smart Growth 12/07	0		11,000	11,000		0
Lexington Center Committee Gifts	2,013					2,013
Liberty Ride Gifts	2,660					2,660
Liberty Ride-Revolving	0					0
Tourism Gift Account/DNC	116		100			216
Shire/Economic Development	0		35,217	35,217		0
Off Duty Detail - Police	(150,046)		775,687	912,339		(286,698)
Police Dept Gift Fund	14,529		500			15,029
Firearms Record Keeping Fund	195		7,813	7,813		195
Local Preparedness Grant 6/07	0					0
Local Preparedness Grant 6/06	(4,213)		4,213			0
Violence Against Women 9/06	134					134
FY06 Community Policing 6/06	0					0
Click It Or Ticket 9/06	0					0
Emergency Med Dispatch 6/06	0					0
Violence Against Women 9/07	(5,221)		9,109	3,888		0
Community Policing 6/06	0	5,115		5,115		0
Community Policing 6/07	3,163	11,000		11,163	3,000	0
Emergency Med Dispatch 6/07	0					0
SETB Training 12/07	(6,432)		8,500	2,068		0
Click It Or Ticket 9/07	(1,942)		5,693	3,751		0
Click It Or Ticket 9/08	0		2,000	6,000		(4,000)
SETB Training 6/08	0			3,220		(3,220)
Community Policing 12/08	0		35,952	6,159		29,793
Violence Against Women 9/08	0		10,250	10,250		0

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	Balance July 1, 2007	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2008
Off Duty Detail - Fire	(2,598)		32,041	20,077		9,366
Fire Dept. Gifts	4,971		500			5,471
Injury Prevent in Comm 12/06	4,144			2,228		1,915
Assist to Firefighters 10/07	(7,024)			(7,024)		0
FY07 Firefighters Equip Grant	1,732	6,075		7,575		232
Firefighter Exam	358		1,253			1,611
SAFE 6/09	0		5,800			5,800
REPC Stipend Grant 9/07	0		1,000			1,000
SAFE 6/08	5,178			3,246		1,932
Inspection Call Back	0		426	284		142
Assist to Firefighters 9/07	0					0
Keyspan Paving \$	0					0
FEMA \$	69,228			61,359		7,868
DPW Tree Revolving	3,098		6,438	4,468	973	4,096
Cingular Gift Account	306					306
Keyspan Incident - DPW	0	22,061		22,061		0
DPW Compost Revolving	232,665		281,643	241,022	150	273,136
DPW Cemetery Revolving	41,985		42,430	24,834		59,581
Water Conservation 6/09	0				2,722	(2,722)
Lexpress Gifts	0	5,000				5,000
MBTA Grant	0		80,000	80,000		0
Lexpress - Gift	66,004	(5,000)	77,089	58,000		80,093
Lexington Transit Guide	0					0
Mass Releaf Grant	0					0
Urban Forest Plan & Edu Grant	(3,364)		10,000	6,636		0
Traffic Mitigation - Gift	955					955
Sch Transportation Avalon Bay	200,000			200,000		0
TDM Avalon Bay	240,036			220,036		20,000
Sale of Cemetery Lots	247,154		26,298			273,452
DPW Recycling/Composting Bins	692		3,823	3,214		1,301
Off Duty Custodian	7,684		11,720	9,509		9,895
Recycling Assistance Grants	0					0
Parking Receipts	476,645		371,951	350,000		498,596
Minuteman Hazardous Products	30,396	972	128,792	144,727	50	15,383
Off Duty Detail - DPW	7,798		74,731	61,835		20,694
Engine Idling Grants	0	197		100	97	0
Receipt Res - MW PAT Loan Repaymts	0					0
Recreational Trails 6/06	0					0
NEGEF Grant FY06	0					0
Engine Idling Grants	0					0
BOH - Outside Consultant Acct	934		11,500	10,048		2,385
Pandemic Flu FY07	317					317
Health Programs Revolving	862		14,130	24		14,967
Regions 4A Public Prepare 8/07	4,832		6,585	7,425	419	3,573
Social Services Prog Revolving	1,204		79,482	68,625		12,062
COA-Social Day Care - Revolving	0					0
COA Transportation Grant	(253)		9,563	4,988		4,322
COA Gift Fund	11,190		1,535	6,192		6,533
COA Health Programming FY06	0					0
Youth Svc - Parenting Ed 2/07	3,220		170			3,390
DEA Formula Grant	0	16,066	47,112	57,008	6,170	0

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	Balance July 1, 2007	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2008
Libraries Matching Grant FY07	781					781
Library Development Officer	0					0
State Aid to Libraries	43,146		47,922	16,842	22,426	51,801
CD Antitrust Case	0		326	264		61
Recreation Gift Account	36,426	7,000	2,768	8,807		37,387
Insurance Reimbursement > 20K	0		190,848			190,848
Insurance Reimbursment < 20K	25,135		20,532	13,240		32,427
Other Special Revenue Total	2,380,427	109,058	2,994,732	3,501,690	64,578	1,917,949
School Special Revenue						
Off Duty Custodian	0		49,505	36,615	6,500	6,390
Driver Ed - Revolving	0	603		603		0
Lost Books - Revolving	0	1,760	8,258	4,527	1,532	3,959
Drama Foundation - Revolving	22,700					22,700
Athletics - Revolving	0		449,359	297,379	900	151,080
Adult Education - Revolving	155,879	17,502	635,209	504,672	1,627	302,290
Early Childhood - Revolving	39,836		71,545	18,222		93,160
Competitive Speech - Revolving	7,480	3,836	14,580	18,438	1,000	6,458
Debate - Revolving	6,411	5,658	24,038	10,196	7,808	18,102
METCO Fee Support - Revolving	0					0
J Benton Prof Dev Revolving	0					0
Gary Dickinson Teach Excel AWD	0					0
Testing - Revolving	132	1,105	110,063	107,242	230	3,828
Calculators & Wrkbks - Revolv	1,233		15,908	14,873		2,268
Estabrook Morning Club Revolv	2,817		5,151	5,808	78	2,081
MST Gift Acct	150					150
Performing Arts	0		18,818			18,818
Full Day Kindergarten	0		140,161			140,161
Bowman Library	0					0
Elementary Gift	500					500
School Gift	13,173		100			13,273
Harrington Gift	0		1,000			1,000
Bridge School Gift	3,559	273	866	474	2,599	1,626
Diamond School gift	1,094					1,094
Fiske Sch. Gift Account	1,012			0		1,012
C.A.S.IT Italian Lang Gift	5,713	5,004	10,000	12,014		8,703
Athletic Gift Account	10,993					10,993
Hastings Gift Account	2,718		1,500	1,159	50	3,009
Vivian Burns Fiske Memorial Fund	4,696					4,696
Estabrook Gift	6,720					6,720
Clarke School Gift Account	3,775					3,775
Healthy Schools 9/07	(22,615)	18,111	1,356	25,496		(28,644)
Citibank Fed Challenge '07	0		1,500			1,500
Transportation Revolving Fund	621,242		690,944	837,582	3,350	471,254
Circuit Breaker-Sch Special Ed	0		1,535,706	1,923,813	34,089	(422,196)
SPED Elec Portfolios MCAS 8/04	900					900
METCO FY 06	0	684		684		0
Jump up & go 6/06	0					0
Visualize & Model FY06	0	2,994		2,994		0
Mental Health Proj 8/06	0					0
Jump up & go 6/09	2,282	0	2,000		2,848	1,434
METCO FY07	(375,472)	3,607	375,472	3,607		1
METCO FY08	0		1,581,094	1,178,205	12,793	390,095

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	Balance July 1, 2007	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2008
Essential School Health 6/07	673	374		1,047		0
Academic Support 6/07	1,368	1,500		2,868		0
Essential Hlth 6/08	0		131,434	130,075	1,359	0
Academic Support 6/08	0		7,300	3,037		4,263
Kindergtrn Trans 6/08	0		98,000	36,645	57,156	4,199
Clean Energy Choice	0		48,513	43,662	4,851	0
Drug Free Community 9/06	0		1,510	1,510		0
Early Childhood 8/06	824					824
Title IIA 8/06	118,336					118,336
Title I 8/07	(160,253)	8,591	44,816	9,793	1,697	(118,336)
Title IIA 8/07	(6,013)		21,036	14,620	402	0
Title IID 8/07	4,652			4,652		0
Title III 8/07	6,066			6,066		0
Title IV 8/07	(8,003)		9,452	1,449		0
Title V 8/07	1,031	3,032		4,063		0
SPED Idea 8/07	(151,796)	1,816	269,204	119,224		0
SPED Prog Improv 8/07	(10,754)	2,399	55,801	45,796	1,650	0
Early Childhood 8/07	(30,843)	646	30,971	773		0
SPED Assistance & Mentoring	3,000			3,000		0
Title III 8/08	0		50,046	46,347	163	3,536
Early Childhood 8/08	0		41,296	41,296		0
Title I 8/08	0		226,544	216,623	6,282	3,639
Title IIA 8/08	0		105,123	102,170		2,953
Title IID 8/08	0		4,493			4,493
Title V 8/08	0		4,338	3,564		774
SPED 8/08	0		1,332,216	1,287,005	429	44,782
SPED Prof Dev 8/08	0		37,250	6,063	1,404	29,783
School Special Revenue Total	285,215	79,494	8,263,475	7,135,951	150,798	1,341,436
Bowman Community Grant	2,655		3,000	1,893	1,750	2,011
Bridge Community Grant	2,886	706	3,000	2,333	379	3,881
Estabrook Community Grant	1,111	4,389	3,000	3,268	1,324	3,908
Fiske Community Grant	15		3,000	2,995		20
Harrington Community Grant	650		3,000	3,650		0
Hastings Community Grant	2,359		3,000	1,900		3,459
Central Office Community Grant	(969)	2,880	15,000	16,908		3
Clarke Community Grant	37		6,000		5,312	725
Diamond Community Grant	0		6,000	2,250	3,692	58
LHS Community Grant	7,699		8,405	10,830		5,274
Lex Public School Mentoring 06	(1,000)			(1,000)		0
Mandarin Prog 07	0	634		634		0
Hear & Now 07	0	500		500		0
The Boston Book Club 07	0	414		414		0
Owning Up Year 2/07	0					0
Using Multimedia 07	0	1		1		0
Integrating Prim Document 07	0	57		57		0
Literacy Community 07	0					0
An Outdoor Classroom 07	0	211		211		0
Meru: India 07	0					0
Assessing Math Concepts 07	0	358		358		0
Curriculum Dev Workshop 07	0	7,189		7,189		0
Colonial Life & AM Revol 07	0	1,050		1,050		0

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Revenues/Expenditures/Fund Balance, Special Revenue — June 30, 2008 *continued from previous page*

	Balance July 1, 2007	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2008
LEX Public Sch Academy 07	0					0
New Teacher Induction 07	500	16,000		16,500		0
Action Research 07	0	1,187		1,187		0
C3M Proj 07	0					0
United Voices 07	0	215		215		0
Junior Research Paper 07	0	2,400		2,400		0
Extended ED Tech 07	0					0
Get to the Heart of Learn 07	0	842		842		0
Keep it Rolling 07	0	1,450		1,450		0
Wetlands Restoration 07	0	2,000		2,000		0
Faculty Prof Dev Bow 07	77	755	3,500	2,554	1,650	128
Faculty Prof Dev Bridge 07	65	2,375	3,500	3,310	1,900	730
Faculty Prof Dev Esta 07	113	2,712	3,000	2,657	2,600	568
Faculty Prof Dev Fiske 07	0		3,000	3,000		0
Faculty Prof Dev Harr 07	2,050	950	3,000	3,475	675	1,850
Faculty Prof Dev Hastings 07	619	475	3,000	2,530		1,564
Faculty Prof Dev Clarke 07	(79)		5,000	4,260		661
Faculty Prof Dev Diamond 07	78		5,000	3,580	1,420	78
Faculty Prof Dev LHS 07	2,699	4,336	10,000	8,086	1,737	7,213
Equip Maint 07	5,000					5,000
Equip Repair LEF 08	0		5,000	4,787		213
Colonial Life 12/08	0		7,500	5,850		1,650
LEX Public Sch Academy 08	0		18,192	18,176	16	0
New Teacher Induction 08	0		32,050	22,300	9,750	0
Dist-Wide Summer 08	0		40,000	35,857	843	3,300
TV Prod Studio 08	0		16,195	12,000	4,195	0
Kill-A-Watts 08	0		5,481	4,698	783	0
E instructn For Success	0		2,470	2,020	450	0
Water Quality Test Equip 08	0		3,235	3,154	81	0
Alternative Energy 08	0		4,111	2,389	1,722	0
Spanish Language In Context 08	0		6,700	6,157	543	0
Infusing Music 08	0		1,953	1,807	146	0
Traverse Climbing Wall 08	0		8,451	8,451		0
Sustain & Enhance 08	0		9,046	7,222	1,824	0
Integrate Tech 12/08	0		19,974	17,683		2,291
Middle School Curriculum 08	0		9,050	9,050		0
Museum of Science 08	0		1,940	1,940		0
Harrington Mural 08	0		9,000	8,445	555	0
Literacy Community 08	0		3,600	2,700	900	0
Pirate Writers Society 08	0		2,180	1,980	200	0
Sustaining Open Circle 08	0		6,525	6,525		0
Critics Corner 08	0		500	500		0
Drum Circle Kits 08	0		3,955	3,857	98	0
English Learner Ed 08	0		8,078	8,077	1	0
Assess Driven Instr 08	0		7,166	7,087	79	0
Phonemic Aware 08	0		2,800	2,719	81	0
Mandarin Prog 08	0		605		605	0
Integrating Prim Document 08	0		1,200	1,200		0
Lexington Education Foundation	26,566	54,085	329,362	320,117	45,310	44,585
Special Revenue Fund Total	2,692,208	495,712	13,173,015	12,659,743	295,401	3,405,791

Trustees of Public Trusts

ROLE: To administer, invest and disburse the funds of 112 trusts, plus two cemetery funds and two library funds bequeathed or donated to the town for specific public purposes. Since 1910 the Trustees purpose has been to encourage and facilitate, giving locally by Lexington citizens. We help donors with their giving today and enable their generosity to continue after their lifetimes, supporting causes they cared about and solving concerns we cannot now imagine.

APPOINTED by the selectmen. Chairman Alan S. Fields, Thomas G. Taylor, and David G. Williams.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The total market value of the 112 trusts, two cemetery funds and the two library funds as of 6/30/08 was \$9,353,786.
- Trustees distributed a total of \$508,072 to the following specific areas of need:

All Purpose	\$ 34,825
Beautification.....	\$ 61,614
Human Services.....	\$ 2,008
Recognition.....	\$ 7,145
Scholarship	\$ 112,999
Perpetual Care.....	\$ 126,822
Cary Memorial Library.....	\$ 25,008

These trusts represent the love the donors and individuals being honored have for Lexington and its citizens and their wish to contribute to the Town's betterment. Knowing that a trust is in perpetuity, that gifts will be used locally and are tax-deductible, is most satisfying to donors.

The Trustees of Public Trusts make giving very easy and attractive and makes it easy to be philanthropic. Any person or organization may create a named trust with a minimum gift of \$5,000. Additions may also be made to any existing trust at any time. The Trustees can accept a wide variety of assets and can accommodate a donor's financial and estate planning objectives. Establishing a fund in the Trust is a simple, quick and economical procedure. The Trustees take care of all the necessary paperwork at no cost.

A brief description of each trust and a financial statement follow. "Principal Balance" refers to the original gift and additions plus realized capital gains. "Income Balance" refers to unspent interest and dividends. Disbursements are the money disbursed in fiscal year 2008.

This year four new Trusts were established: The Cary Memorial Library Unrestricted Fund, the Cary Memorial

Library Restricted Fund, The Battle Green Flag Pole Maintenance Fund and The Scott Davidson Family Scholarship Fund.

2007-2008 ALL-PURPOSE FUNDS

Cary Memorial Library Unrestricted Fund—Established 2007, the income to be used to purchase books and other material for the library's collection.

Disbursements	\$ 25,008
Principal balance	\$ 682,354
Income balance	\$ 26,776

Cary Memorial Library Restricted Fund—Established 2007, the income to be used to purchase books and other material in accord with the terms of the named funds which comprise this fund.

Principal balance	\$ 205,541
Income balance	\$ 19,336

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Fund for Lexington

ROLE: Established by the Board of Selectmen 13 years ago, in which all citizens are invited to contribute for three purposes: to assist Lexington residents in need, to support beautification projects, and to seed innovative projects for community betterment.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Norman Cohen, George Burnell, Rev. Arnold Colletti, Daniel Lucas, Alan Fields and Alan Wrigley.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than 430 residents contributed over \$34,000 in 2008.
- Aided residents with utility and rent bills that exceeded their resources, provided funds to make a vehicle handicapped-accessible and replenished the Human Services Fund to enable the Town's Social Services Department to assist residents in need.
- Joined with the Rotary Club to distribute gift certificates for winter clothing to more than 50 children in Town.
- Provided money for landscaping around the High School, for flower barrels in Lexington Center and East Lexington, and for holiday decorating in East Lexington. ■

Fund for Lexington—Established 1995, the income to be used in three areas: assisting those in need, beautification, and providing seed money for innovative ideas and projects. Donations can be earmarked for any of the three areas.

Disbursements	\$ 18,003
Principal balance	\$ 12,509
Income balance	\$ 22,321

Genesis Community Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the income will be used for scholarships and human services.

Disbursements	\$ 2,600
Principal balance	\$ 49,666
Income balance	\$ 410

George L. Gilmore Fund—Established 1950, the income to be used as the Town may from time to time vote; and if at any time special use arises to which in the opinion of the Selectmen the principal of said fund may be applied, then it may be applied upon the vote of the Town Meeting.

Disbursements	\$ 16,822
Principal balance	\$ 85,993
Income balance	\$ 7,147

BEAUTIFICATION FUNDS

Battle Green Flag Pole Maintenance Fund—Established 2007, the income to provide for the perpetual care of the flag pole located in the center of the Battle Green Common of Lexington.

Principal balance	\$ 16,598
Income balance	\$ 446

B O L T (Backers of Lexington Track)—Established 2000, the principal is to be expended to resurface, reconstruct, repair and maintain the indoor track and related projects at the Lexington High School field house.

Principal balance	\$ 5,999
Income balance	\$ 651

Geneva M. Brown Fund—Established 1947, the income is to be used for improving and beautifying the common and triangular parcel of land in front of the Masonic Temple.

Principal balance	\$ 18,237
Income balance	\$ 1,403

Chiesa Farm Conservation Land Trust Fund—Established 2000, after notification three-quarters of the net annual income may be spent for plantings, signage, maintenance projects, and land acquisition of abutting land, to help preserve the character of the Chiesa farm conservation area.

Disbursements	\$ 2,549
Principal balance	\$ 84,341
Income balance	\$ 2,886

Dunback Meadow Conservation Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the net income may be used to help preserve the character of the Dunback Meadow conservation area.

Principal balance	\$ 6,955
Income balance	\$ 414

Jack and Betty Eddison Blossom Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used to help preserve the character and green spaces of Lexington and its Bikeway, through maintenance, new projects, and the planting of flowers and trees.

Disbursements	\$ 5,865
Principal balance	\$ 71,007
Income balance	\$ 3,633

Frederick L. Emery Fund—Established 1936, the income is to be used by the Lexington Field and Garden Club for the work of grading, grassing, and keeping in order grass borders lying between sidewalks or footpaths and the driveways on public streets; and in otherwise beautifying the public streets, ways, and places in said Town, preference be given to said objects in order stated.

Principal balance	\$ 8,680
Income balance	\$ 364

Orin W. Fiske-Battle Green Fund—Established 1899, the income is to be used for the maintenance of the Lexington Battle Green or the monuments erected thereon.

Principal balance	\$ 1,591
Income balance	\$ 44

Charles E. French Colonial Cemetery Fund—Established 1905, the annual income is to be devoted to the care of the older part of the cemetery in which repose the remains of Rev. John Hancock and wife.

Principal balance	\$ 18,520
Income balance	\$ 2,154

Gordon/Souza Juniper Hill Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be used to help preserve the character of Juniper Hill Conservation Land; such income may be spent for plantings, signs, maintenance projects, and land acquisition.

Disbursement	\$ 219
Principal balance	\$ 52,134
Income balance	\$ 4,089

Hayden Woods Conservation Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be used to help preserve the character of the Hayden Woods conservation land; such income may be used for plantings, signs, maintenance projects and land acquisitions.

Principal balance	\$ 42,626
Income balance	\$ 1,406

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Hayes Fountain Fund—Established 1895, the income is to be used for the perpetual care of the fountain and grounds immediately around it.

Principal balance	\$ 4,756
Income balance	\$ 133

Richard and Jeanne Kirk Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the net income earned each year may be used for the maintenance, support and improvement of the Theresa and Roberta Lee Fitness/Nature Path.

Disbursements	\$ 46,683
Principal balance	\$1,195,036
Income balance	\$ 12,757

Tereasa and Roberta Lee Fitness Nature Path—Established 1990, the income, and, if necessary, the principal, are to be used by the Town of Lexington Recreation Committee through the Lincoln Park Committee for the work of grading, planting, beautifying, and maintaining the Teresa and Roberta Lee Fitness Nature Path.

Principal balance	\$ 87,265
Income balance	\$ 5,106

Lexington Community Playground Fund—Established 1991, the income and, if necessary, the principal are to be used by the Lexington Recreation Committee for the work of repairing and maintaining the Lexington Community Playground.

Principal balance	\$ 10,628
Income balance	\$ 955

Lexington Nature Trust Fund—Established 1992, the income and, if necessary, the principal, are to be used by the Conservation Commission for the acquisition, promotion, and management of its properties.

Disbursements	\$ 7,297
Principal balance	\$ 36,528
Income balance	\$ 4,097

David G. Miller Conservation Trust—Established 2004, up to three-quarters of the net income earned shall be used, when requested by the Conservation Commission, for the promotion, beautification and management of the conservation land in Lexington.

Principal balance	\$ 10,269
Income balance	\$ 952

Everet M. Mulliken Fund—Established 1948, the income is to be used under the supervision of the proper Town authorities, for the care of Hastings Park.

Principal balance	\$ 38,753
Income balance	\$ 3,161

Edith C. Redman Trust—Established 1928, the income only is to be used and applied for the care and maintenance of the Lexington Common; known as the “Battle Green.”

Principal balance	\$ 2,867
Income balance	\$ 35

George O. Smith Fund—Established 1903, the income is to be expended by the Field and Garden Club in setting out and keeping in order shade and ornamental trees and shrubs on the streets and highways in Lexington, or the beautifying of unsightly places in the highways.

Principal balance	\$ 4,013
Income balance	\$ 111

George W. Taylor Flag Fund—Established 1931, the income is to be used for the care, preservation, and replacement of the flagpole on the Battle Green, or for the purchase of new flags; any balance of income is to be used for the care of Lexington Common.

Principal balance	\$ 7,004
Income balance	\$ 754

George W. Taylor Tree Fund—Established 1931, the income is to be used for the care, purchase and preservation of trees for the adornment of the Town.

Principal balance	\$ 14,541
Income balance	\$ 1,510

Albert Ball Tenney Memorial Fund—Established 1950, the income is to be used to provide nightly illumination of the Lexington Minute Man statue.

Principal balance	\$ 21,550
Income balance	\$ 2,446

William Tower Memorial Park Fund—Established 1913, the income is to be applied by the Town, in each and every year for the care, maintenance, and improvements of Tower Park.

Principal balance	\$ 110,412
Income balance	\$ 6,228

Willards Woods Conservation Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income may be used for plantings, signage, maintenance projects and land acquisition costs for the Willards Woods conservation area.

Principal balance	\$ 8,656
Income balance	\$ 724

CELEBRATION FUNDS

American Legion Celebrations Fund—Established 1982, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used towards defraying the town’s cost for the Patriot’s Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans’ Day celebrations.

Principal balance	\$ 14,400
Income balance	\$ 265

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Leroy S. Brown Fund—Established 1940, the income is to be used towards defraying the expense of an appropriate and dignified celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington.

Principal balance \$ 16,554
Income balance \$ 89

HUMAN SERVICES FUNDS

Beals Fund—Established 1891, the income is to be expended for the benefit of worthy, indigent, American-born men and women over 60 years of age.

Principal balance \$ 8,706
Income balance \$ 984

Bridge Charitable Fund—Established 1880, the income is to be annually distributed among the deserving poor of Lexington without distinction of sex or religion.

Disbursements \$ 2,000
Principal balance \$ 44,598
Income balance \$ 1,594

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging, Inc.—Established 1992, the income when requested, shall be used to provide programs and services to benefit older adults in Lexington. Principal may also be used for capital improvements to the Senior Center.

Principal balance \$ 299,137
Income balance \$ 19,046

Jonas Gammell Trust—Established 1873, the income is to be used by the Board of Public Welfare and by two women appointed annually for the purpose by the Selectmen in purchasing such luxuries or delicacies for the Town poor, wherever located, as are not usually furnished them, and shall tend to promote their health and comfort.

Principal balance \$ 1,609
Income balance \$ 45

Jack and Sally Gardner Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the annual income may be used to support activities endorsed by the Friends of the Council on Aging.

Principal balance \$ 35,531
Income balance \$ 1,804

Elizabeth Bridge Gerry Fund—Established 1885, the income is to be distributed to the deserving poor of Lexington without distinction of sex or religion.

Principal balance \$ 6,538
Income balance \$ 1,181

Harriet R. Gilmore Fund—Established 1892, the income is to be used for the benefit of poor people in Lexington.

Principal balance \$ 3,771

Lexington Human Services Fund—Established 1990, to be funded by transfers from other funds administered by the Trustees as well as private contributions, to provide funds for the Lexington Human Services Committee in its mission to help individuals in need

Principal balance \$ 16,892
Income balance \$ 0

RECOGNITION FUNDS

Matt Allen Memorial Fund—Established 1944, reestablished 2004 to be used by the Athletic Dept. of Lexington High School for annual awards to boys who have shown unusual faithfulness, effort and sportsmanship in each of five major sports and also for a tablet to be kept in the school as a record of these awards.

Principal balance \$ 5,763
Income balance \$ 546

EllaLou Dimmock Prize for Vocal Excellence Fund—Established 1997 by The Lexington Council for the Arts. The award recognizes a LHS student, selected by the LHS music faculty, who demonstrates promising vocal ability and/or promotes vocal musical performance in the community.

Disbursements \$ 250
Principal balance \$ 7,205
Income balance \$ 79

Dan H. Fenn, Jr. Minuteman Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used to fund a grant or award to an individual or group pursuing the study of colonial history, primarily that of Lexington.

Disbursement \$ 750
Principal balance \$ 18,519
Income balance \$ 16

Charles E. Ferguson Youth Recognition Award Fund—Established 1997, to fund monetary awards to the LHS students receiving the Lexington Youth Award at each Patriot's Day celebration. The recipients are selected by the Youth Commission. The fund was established with moneys left to the town by Charles E. Ferguson, Town Moderator from 1949-1969.

Disbursement \$ 500
Principal balance \$ 16,631
Income balance \$ 356

Paul Foley Leadership Fund—Established 1990, this award is made periodically to a member of the administration, faculty, staff, or a volunteer in the Lexington Public School System to recognize and reward his/her outstanding leadership in facilitating a team approach to meeting the educational needs of students, individually or as a group.

Principal balance \$ 5,372
Income balance \$ 415

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Alice Hinkle-Prince Estabrook Award Fund—Established 2004, to place and maintain a physical memorial honoring Prince Estabrook, the African- American soldier and slave who fought as a Patriot on the Battle Green and to fund periodically the Alice Hinkle-Prince Estabrook Award.

Disbursement	\$ 2,640
Principal balance	\$ 6,115
Income balance	68

Lexington Education Foundation Fund—Established 1989, to promote sound, innovative approaches to enhance excellence in education by funding projects in areas of creative program development, innovative materials, and instructional resources.

Disbursement	\$ 1,000
Principal balance	\$ 11,972
Income balance	\$ 1,141

Lexington High School Music Endowment Fund—Established 2006, three-quarters of the income will be distributed by FOLMADS to the LHS Music Dept. to be used at the discretion of the faculty to benefit the students.

Disbursement	\$ 840
Principal balance	\$ 39,970
Income balance	1,727

Millennium Arts Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the net income shall be paid from time to time to the LEF to fund a grant as appropriate.

Principal balance	\$ 9,079
Income balance	\$ 251

Jacquelyn R. Smith Memorial Internship Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used to help professionals gain valuable work experience and explore career options within local government.

Disbursements	\$ 675
Principal balance	\$ 130,451
Income balance	\$ 8,063

S. Lawrence Whipple History Fund—Established 1996 by his many friends in honor of “Larry” Whipple, the prize will be awarded to a Lexington resident currently attending a public or private secondary school of college who has demonstrated a genuine affinity for this community and has made a significant contribution to a better understanding of Lexington’s past.

Disbursements	\$ 440
Principal balance	\$ 12,122
Income balance	\$ 138

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Sangwook Ahn Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a Lexington High School senior whose life

encompasses a joyful display of zest, a respect for all, a striving for excellence, and service towards others.

Disbursements	\$ 1,000
Principal balance	\$ 25,614
Income balance	\$ 252

Charles D. Aker Family Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income to be awarded to a Lexington High School senior who must have held a responsible position on a sports team (other than a player) for at least two years.

Principal balance	\$ 7,082
Income balance	\$ 333

Bass DiDomenico Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, an award is to be made each year to a graduate of LHS who plans to major in music or music education.

Principal balance	\$ 23,186
Income balance	\$ 1,447

Bathon Family Scholarship Fund—Established 2006, three quarters of the annual income is to be used to fund a scholarship(s) to a Lexington resident who graduates from LHS, Minuteman Tech or Lexington Christian Academy. Recipients must have strong technical skills and attend Villanova University or a post- secondary school in the N.E. states.

Principal balance	\$ 5,138
Income balance	\$ 2,040

Hallie C. Blake Fund—Established 1920, the income is to be used annually in cash prizes to two seniors (a boy and a girl) of Lexington High School, who by example and influence have shown the highest qualities of leadership, conduct, and character and who possess, in the largest measure, the goodwill of the student body.

Principal balance	\$ 7,882
Income balance	\$ 375

Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize—Established 1990, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a woman in the senior class of Lexington High School who has demonstrated a commitment to the community.

Disbursements	\$ 2,000
Principal balance	\$ 84,939
Income balance	\$ 1,596

Pauline Briggs Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2004, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarship to graduates of Minuteman Regional High School.

Disbursements	\$ 390
Principal balance	\$ 10,481
Income balance	\$ 83

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James Cataldo Scholarship Fund—Established 2005, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to children of Lexington Town Employees who have graduated from either Lexington High School or Minuteman Regional High School.

Disbursements	\$ 400
Principal balance	\$ 11,601
Income balance	\$ 117

Robert and Edith Cataldo Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Jerie Cataldo DeAngelis—Established 2004, up to three-quarters of the set income shall fund scholarships for a graduate of Lexington High School who demonstrates financial need and is committed to teaching, especially those with learning disabilities.

Disbursements	\$ 500
Principal balance	\$ 18,863
Income balance	\$ 289

Robert P. Clapp Fund—Income is to provide two prizes for pupils of Lexington High School, one for excellence in speaking and the other for excellence in composition, for scholarships.

Principal balance	\$ 2,140
Income balance	\$ 59

Bettie Clarke Scholarship Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a Lexington senior at Lexington High School or Minuteman Regional High School, who joyously, intelligently and creatively participates in community public service, and has demonstrated a respect for all points of view.

Disbursements	\$ 800
Principal balance	\$ 21,620
Income balance	\$ 216

Norman P. Cohen Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a Lexington resident who is a graduate of either Lexington High School or Minuteman Regional High School and has shown evidence of financial need.

Disbursements	\$ 400
Principal balance	\$ 10,774
Income balance	\$ 106

Millerd Chandler Crocker Family Scholarship—Established 1973, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a Lexington High School senior, preferably one who graduated from Bridge School, has financial need, loves family, and is involved in community and school activities.

Principal balance	\$ 7,178
Income balance	\$ 7

Nan and Ray Culler Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to graduating senior(s) who are residents of Lexington, and

who have participated in community public service, including volunteer activities in town.

Principal balance	\$ 51,837
Income balance	\$ 674

Scott Davidson Family Scholarship Fund—Established 2008, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a graduate of LHS who plans to attend a post secondary accredited school/college; who had a keen curiosity about science, history or music and who has made a positive contribution to his or her community, family and friends.

Principal balance	\$ 5000
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June Denk Fund—Established 1994, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used to award a scholarship and book selected by the Principal of Lexington High School to a graduating senior who either volunteered in the Student Library or made extensive use of the Student Library.

Disbursements	\$ 1,600
Principal balance	\$ 42,579
Income balance	\$ 302

Earl and Elsie Dooks Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income shall fund a scholarship(s) to a Lexington High School graduate who is planning to study and enter the field of teaching.

Disbursements	\$ 400
Principal balance	\$ 8,990
Income balance	\$ 71

Mickey Finn Scholarship Fund—Established 1996 by the family and friends of Mickey Finn who was a President of the Lexington Little League, a coach, and mentor of many Lexington youth. The scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating senior who participated in Lexington Little League or Girls' Softball.

Disbursements	\$ 250
Principal balance	\$ 11,795
Income balance	\$ 357

William P. and Wilma "Billie" Q Fitzgerald Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, to be awarded to a Lexington High School senior who has shown positive growth in his or her athletic abilities and is recognized as a good person

Principal balance	\$ 20,618
Income balance	\$ 986

Charles E French Medal Fund—Established 1905, the income is to be used annually to purchase silver medals (or scholarship) to be distributed to pupils in the senior high school for the best scholarship.

Principal balance	\$ 6,634
Income balance	\$ 7

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Nancy Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to a graduate of either Lexington High School or Minuteman Regional High School who demonstrates financial need and is going to pursue a degree in education.

Principal balance \$ 6,100
Income balance \$ 7

Mary P. Grace Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to fund scholarships.

Disbursements \$ 570
Principal balance \$ 14,377
Income balance \$ 112

Harrington Memorial Fund—To be used by the Lexington School Committee for scholarships for needy children.

Disbursements \$ 2,800
Principal balance \$ 70,844
Income balance \$ 591

Heritage Scholarship Fund—Established 1999, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a Lexington High School graduate(s) who is a resident of Lexington, has demonstrated financial need, has done his or her work conscientiously while not necessarily being in the top ten percent of the class

Disbursements \$ 4,000
Principal balance \$ 109,295
Income balance \$ 843

Jacqueline Toye Hoiriis Scholarship Fund—Established 2001, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded annually to a Lexington High School or Minuteman Regional High School graduate, who is a resident of Lexington, has been a member of the Haydenette Precision Skating Team, and has been accepted at a college or university.

Disbursements \$ 450
Principal balance \$ 11,494
Income balance \$ 97

Richard Isenberg Scholarship Fund—Established 1986, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded annually to a member of the junior or senior class of Lexington High School who has demonstrated excellence in sports writing.

Principal balance \$ 28,027
Income balance \$ 1,199

George E. Jansen Scholarship Fund—Established 2005, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to graduate of Minuteman Regional High School.

Disbursements \$ 1
Principal balance \$ 6,489
Income balance \$ 8

Gladys & Arthur Katz Scholarship—Established 2005, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to a graduate of Lexington High School or Minuteman Regional High School.

Principal balance \$ 6,346
Income balance \$ 6

LHS Class of 1938—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded annually to two seniors of LHS, (a boy and a girl) with financial need who have shown high quality of leadership and character

Disbursements \$ 375
Principal balance \$ 10,065
Income balance \$ 89

LHS Class of 1953/June Wilson Kennedy Fund—Established 2000. Beginning in 2003 three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to a student who has demonstrated financial need and worked conscientiously and to the best of his or her ability without necessarily achieving a high level of academic standing

Disbursements \$ 2,400
Principal balance \$ 75,848
Income balance \$ 570

Lexington High School Class of 1954/Lawrence G. Movsessian Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the income shall fund need-based scholarships to graduates of Lexington High School.

Disbursements \$ 750
Principal balance \$ 18,991
Income balance \$ 155

Lexington High School Class of 1976 Fund—Established 2006, three-quarters of the income shall fund a scholarship to a graduate of Lexington High School who is a child or grandchild of an LHS graduate. Priority is given to students who have contributed to the well-being of the residents of the town or who served in a leadership role.

Principal balance \$ 5,057
Income balance \$ 7

Lexington High School Class of 1996 Scholarship Fund—Established 1996, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to graduates of Lexington High School.

Principal balance \$ 5,799
Income balance \$ 7

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Lexington Outlook Club/Bessie and Gabriel Baker Scholarship Fund—Established 1989, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to women in the senior class of Lexington High School who are going to college.

Disbursements	\$ 650
Principal balance	\$ 16,876
Income balance	\$ 149

Lexington Outlook Club Scholarship Fund—Established 1902, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to women in the senior class of Lexington High School who are going to college.

Disbursements	\$ 850
Principal balance	\$ 21,393
Income balance	\$ 170

Lexington Outlook Club/Maxine Francis Warnecke Scholarship Fund—Established 1986, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to women in the senior class of Lexington High School who are going to junior college or college, who need financial assistance, and who have made a commitment to pursue a career in medicine or science.

Disbursements	\$ 10,000
Principal balance	\$ 258,590
Income balance	\$ 2,343

Lexington PTA Council Scholarship Fund—Established 1966, to give financial awards to deserving Lexington students to be applied to the cost of their post-secondary undergraduate education.

Disbursements	\$ 16,089
Principal balance	\$ 216,280
Income balance	\$ 116,800

Lexington Police Children's Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income is to fund scholarship(s) for children of currently active Lexington Police officers.

Disbursements	\$ 2,000
Principal balance	\$ 6,530
Income balance	\$ 3,672

Lexington Police Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarship(s) to a graduate(s) of Lexington High School, preferably those planning to enter the field of law enforcement.

Principal balance	\$ 6,028
Income balance	\$ 286

Christine Martin Scholarship Fund—Established 1999, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a senior at Lexington High School who plans to pursue a career working with children and has a history of volunteer work and/or has been active in the fight to prevent drinking and driving.

Disbursements	\$ 750
Principal balance	\$ 21,714
Income balance	\$ 312

Carolyn M. McCabe Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1986, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a woman in the senior class of Lexington High School who was a varsity athlete and who demonstrated aspects of Carolyn's character, i.e. good sportsmanship, inspired competition, spirit and fun. Nominations must be made by a teammate or coach

Principal balance	\$ 43,033
Income balance	\$ 1,877

Robert & Mary McNamara Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Edward Joseph McNamara, Jr.—Established 2004, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to a graduate of Lexington High School who was a member of the football team and a resident of Lexington.

Disbursements	\$ 2,500
Principal balance	\$ 5,619
Income balance	\$ 87

Leo P. McSweeney Scholarship Fund—Established 2004, to fund scholarships to a graduate of Lexington High School who is a current resident of Lexington, has demonstrated community involvement and is a direct descendent of an elected Town official, preferably a Selectman. Up to three-quarters of the annual net income may be spent.

Principal balance	\$ 6,739
Income balance	\$ 10

Srinivasu Meka Scholarship Fund—Established 1996 by the family and friends of Srinivasu Meka, a member of the LHS Class of 1991 who died in 1994. The recipient must have at least a 3.0 average, have been involved in student council or sports, and is planning to attend a 4-year college or university.

Disbursements	\$ 1,000
Principal balance	\$ 29,146
Income balance	\$ 365

Dominic and Assunta MODOONO Family Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the income earned shall fund scholarship(s) on a need-based basis to graduate(s) of Lexington High School or Minuteman Regional High School. Recipients should have selflessly, enthusiastically, and creatively served their school and community.

Disbursements	\$ 7,900
Principal balance	\$ 274,155
Income balance	\$ 2,110

Amanda Payson Scholarship Fund—Established 1933, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to female graduates of LHS who demonstrate financial need.

Disbursements	\$ 13,000
Principal balance	\$ 340,483
Income balance	\$ 3,183

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Virginia M. Powers Scholarship Fund—Established 1995, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a woman student with financial need who evidences a seriousness of purpose, a clear sense on responsibility, coupled with humility and respect for others.

Disbursements	\$ 675
Principal balance	\$ 17,040
Income balance	\$ 134

Elsa W. Regestein Award Fund—Established 1933 by Marcia Dane, the income to be used for awards to a member of the senior class of the Lexington High School who has done school work conscientiously and creditably and who, in the judgment of the faculty, deserves public commendation for carrying on at the same time, either in or out of school, a worthwhile activity or employment which has not been given other recognition. No scholarship will be awarded until the principal balance reaches \$5,000.

Principal balance	\$ 3,866
Income balance	\$ 4

Morton L. Salter Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income shall fund need-based scholarships.

Disbursements	\$ 13,000
Principal balance	\$ 69,993
Income balance	\$ 1,511

Dorothea Schmidt-Penta Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1980, three-quarters of the income to be awarded to a Lexington High School senior planning to enter the field of health service.

Principal balance	\$ 7,259
Income balance	\$ 11

Mary and August Schumacher Fund—Established 1988, three-quarters of the income is to be used annually to fund two scholarships, of equal value, to seniors at Lexington High School who have been accepted to an accredited college, have worked diligently on academic studies while perhaps not being in the top ten percent of the class, and who have a need for funds to obtain a college education.

Disbursements	\$ 3,900
Principal balance	\$ 99,824
Income balance	\$ 822

Foster Sherburne and Tenney Sherburne Fund—Established 1956, the net income from said fund is to be awarded annually to assist in the education of deserving young men or women living in Lexington.

Disbursements	\$ 1,530
Principal balance	\$ 38,213
Income balance	\$ 297

George O. Smith Scholarship Fund—Established 1905, to be used for “furnishing of a technical education to graduates of the high school in Lexington, who were born in that

town.” The scholarship has been modified to those whose parents were living in Lexington at time of birth and fields of study broadened to engineering, physical science or related fields.

Disbursements	\$ 16,000
Principal balance	\$ 413,088
Income balance	\$ 3,623

Mary Sorenson Memorial Fund—Established 1969, three-quarters of the annual net income to be awarded to graduating seniors in need of financial assistance.

Principal balance	\$ 7,675
Income balance	\$ 9

J. Stavenhagen Family Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the income earned shall fund need-based scholarship(s) to student(s) who have worked conscientiously to the best of their ability without necessarily achieving high academic standing

Principal balance	\$ 6,767
Income balance	\$ 11

Ellen A. Stone Fund—Established 1890, the accrued interest to be paid to the school committee who are to employ it in aiding needy and deserving young women of Lexington in obtaining a higher education.

Disbursements	\$ 300
Principal balance	\$ 7,959
Income balance	\$ 84

Steven Teitelbaum Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the annual net income to be awarded to a male senior, graduating from Lexington High School planning to attend a two-or four-year college or university, and planning to participate in post-high-school athletics. Recipient must have been a member of varsity athletic teams in at least two different sports, one of which must have been football or hockey.

Disbursements	\$ 1,000
Principal balance	\$ 19,458
Income balance	\$ 520

Richard S. Townsend Scholarship Fund—Established 1997, to fund scholarships for male graduates of Lexington High School who have financial needs.

Principal balance	\$ 5,927
Income balance	\$ 6

Michael Wagner Technology Education Fund—Established 1999, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to a student at Lexington High School who has done much to promote the art of technology in the classroom, or has aided others in the system to effectively utilize computer technology.

Principal balance	\$ 9,867
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Income balance \$ 459

Charles Lyman Weld Fund—Established 1946, the entire fund, both principal and income are available upon a vote of the town, for educational purposes, a chapel at Westview Cemetery, or scholarships.

Disbursements \$ 700

Principal balance \$ 15,096

Income balance \$ 138

Edward & Virginia Williams Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, up to three-quarters of the income earned shall fund need-based scholarship to students who have worked diligently and demonstrated excellent community involvement and/or service.

Principal balance \$ 48,493

Income balance \$ 157

Sevag Yazijian Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1995, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be

awarded to a Lexington High School senior planning to become a physician, who has demonstrated consistent academic improvement, possessed aspects of Sevag's easy-going personality, is dedicated to family, friends and community, evidences a desire to see others happy, and shows pride in an ethnic heritage.

Principal balance \$ 8,356

Income balance \$ 76

Monroe Cemetery Fund—Income is to be used in the maintenance of Monroe Cemetery.

Principal balance \$ 361,591

Income balance \$ 8,284

Westview Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund—Income is to be used in the maintenance of Westview Cemetery.

Principal balance \$ 2,249,253

Income balance \$ 45,791

Town Counsel

EXPENDITURES	FY08	FY07
<i>Legal Fees</i>	\$414,619	\$303,455

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: William Lahey of Anderson & Krieger LLP, since December 2001

Pursuant to Chapter 90 § 28 of the General ByLaws of the Town of Lexington, this report was submitted by Town Counsel for the period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. The report is divided into three sections as required by the ByLaws.

All Actions by or against the Town which were pending on January 1, 2008.

1. *Katherine F. Conroy v. Lexington Conservation Commission, et al.*, Middlesex Superior Court Nos. 03-1967 and 05-3533. Appeal of a permit denial by Conservation Commission, combined with trespass and regulatory taking claim. The Superior Court affirmed the Commission's decision on February 13, 2007. The trespass and regulatory taking claims were voluntarily dismissed. The landowner appealed and oral arguments were presented to the Appeals Court on April 10, 2008; decision pending (Appeals Court No. 2007-P-0920).
2. *Town of Lexington, et al. v. John H. Sellars*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 86-3169. Action for enforcement of the Lexington Zoning Bylaws, seeking contempt sanctions for violations of prior Superior Court orders. On November 13, 2007, the Superior Court decided in the Town's favor. In December 2007, the Court ordered the cessation of commercial activities on the defendant's

property within 90 days; the defendant's appeal is pending but his motion to stay the effect of the Order was denied. On October 21, 2008, the Superior Court awarded the Town attorneys' fees. Landowner's appeal to the Appeals Court is pending.

3. *Lexington G. Trebino, Trustee v. Lexington Planning Board, et al.*, Land Court No. 266945. Appeal from a decision of the Planning Board disapproving a subdivision. The plaintiff has not prosecuted the appeal.
4. *Robert W. Adams, et al. v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals, et al.*, Land Court No. 276627. Appeal of Zoning Board of Appeals decision granting variance. The plaintiff has not prosecuted the appeal.
5. *Commonwealth v. Sellars, et al.* Suffolk Superior Court No. 07-2249. Third-party claims against the Town in a Commonwealth action against the defendant for wetland violations. The third-party claims against the Town were dismissed in September 2008.
6. *Rising Tide Development LLC v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals*, Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) No. 03-0521 (related to Taylor v. Lexington described below). Appeal of grant by the Lexington Board of Zoning Appeals of a Comprehensive Permit with conditions pursuant to G.L. c. 40B. Housing Appeals Court ruled in favor of developer. Abutters appealed the HAC decision in Taylor v. HAC, Superior Court No. 2005-02910. The Superior Court and the Supreme Judicial Court affirmed the HAC decision. SJC No. 10048.
7. *James R. Raymond, et al. v. Lexington Planning Board, et al.*, Land Court No. 292408. Appeal of decision of the

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- Planning Board concerning property on Rangeway Road.
8. *Town of Lexington v. Massachusetts Highway Department, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and Modern Continental Construction Company*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 03-3228. Action by Town in Superior Court for injunctive relief and a declaratory judgment relating to MHD's failure to consider noise and other environmental impacts as part of the Route 3/Route 128 interchange construction project in Lexington. After submission of detailed expert analysis justifying the construction of noise barriers along the Route 3/128 interchange, the parties entered into settlement negotiations whereby the Massachusetts Highway Department agreed to build noise barriers according to an agreed-upon schedule. The schedule was incorporated into a motion for the Court to stay the action, which has been granted.
 9. *Quinn Bros. of Essex, Inc. v. Jan Five d/b/a Alexandra Construction et al. v. Town of Lexington*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 04-2233B and other related cases. Claims by general contractor and subcontractors on Cary Memorial Library project to recover payments allegedly owed by general contractor and claim by Lexington against architect for the Project. The Town reached a settlement with general contractor and is mediating claims against architect (related to the Hale case described below).
 10. *Casella v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals*, Land Court No. 279910. Appeal of a decision by Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the property on Steadman Road, which plaintiff has not prosecuted.
 11. *Town of Lexington v. Stephen Hale, Architects & Associates*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 06-3866 (related to the Quinn Bros. case described above). Negligence and breach of contract claims by the Town against architect of Cary Memorial Library. Parties have scheduled mediation.
 12. *Ralph Hanson et al. v. Lexington Zoning Board*, Land Court No. 357450. Abutter appeal from a Zoning Board decision upholding a zoning enforcement decision by the Building Commissioner concerning property on Paul Revere Road.
 13. *Parker, et al v. Lexington Superintendent of Public Schools, et al*, United States District Court of Massachusetts, C.A. No. 06-10751 MLW. This case raises constitutional claims regarding reading material at Estabrook School. Motion to dismiss was granted by District Court in favor of the Town and affirmed by the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Certiorari petition by plaintiffs was denied by the United States Supreme Court.
 14. *William Taylor v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals et al.*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 03-0746 and SJC No. 0993 (related to the Rising Tide case described above). Appeal by abutters of grant by Board of Appeals of Comprehensive Permit pursuant to G.L. c. 40B. Abutter's appeal dismissed by Superior Court in favor of Town. Abutters appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court and the SJC upheld lower court's dismissal.
 15. *Scott Coutts v. Lexington Zoning Board*, Land Court No. 353448. Abutter appeal from the grant of a variance for property on Harding Road. The case was voluntarily dismissed.
 16. *Ciccolo v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals, et al.*, Land Court Case No. 35-375466. Appeal by abutters of a special permit to Patriot Partners Lexington LLC. Case voluntarily dismissed in July 2008.
 17. *Town of Lexington v. Keltic Landscaping, et al.*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 07-02900A. Appeal from zoning enforcement action against lessees at 430 Concord Avenue (related to Town of Lexington v. Sellars described above). Appeal pending.
 18. *Voss v. Lexington Conservation Commission*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 06-0307. Third-party appeal from Order of Conditions granted under bylaw. Judgment entered for Conservation Commission and applicant.
 19. *Rayvon Realty Trust v. Lexington Conservation Commission*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 07-4790. Appeal by applicant from conditions imposed in Order of Conditions. Case settled.
 20. *John Doe et al. v. Town of ABC*, Superior Court No. 08-4261. Case against Town's school system involving special education claims. Settlement entered.
- ### **All Actions Brought By or Against Town During 2008**
1. *Michael Jordon v. Davinci Construction of MA, Inc. et al.*, Suffolk Superior Court No. 08-5266. A personal-injury claim against a number of defendants including the Town.
 2. *Commonwealth v. Sellars, et al.* Suffolk Superior Court No. 07-2249. Third-party claims against the Town in a Commonwealth action against the defendant for wetland violations. The third-party claims against the Town were dismissed in September 2008.
 3. *Cook v. Town of Lexington et al.* Superior Court No. 07-1520A. Claims against the Town and police officers seeking monetary damages.
 4. *Kasparian v. Planning Board of Lexington*, Land Court Case No. 369211. Appeal by abutter of a special permit.
 5. *Ciccolo v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals, et al.*, Land Court Case No. 375466. Appeal by abutters of a special permit to Patriot Partners Lexington LLC.
 6. *Town of Lexington v. Khachatorian*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 08-01725-J. Zoning enforcement action by the Town.
 7. *Lexington Historical Society v. Lexington Historic District Commission*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 08-

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2188. Appeal of Historic District Commission's denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

8. *Malone v. Town of Lexington, et al.* District Court, Lowell Division Docket No. 20081-CV-1320. Claim for back wages.

All Actions Settled or Disposed of During 2008

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Noise Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen on matters relating to noise bylaw.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Julian Bussgang; Anthony Galaisis, Robert Earsy, Myla Kabat-Zinn, Jeanne Krieger (Board of Selectmen Liaison), Steven Kropper, Jack Maloney, Ted Page and Martha Wood.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Noise Advisory Committee addressed the following issues:

- At the request from the Board of Selectmen, reviewed and provided comments on noise issues associated with projects such as:
 1. The DPW's sidewalk reconstruction near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Waltham Street;
 2. The night-time operation of equipment during Fox TV's filming of a special event in Lexington.
- Held a meeting with the Town Counsel about exemptions from the Lexington Noise Bylaw of operations related to removal of hazardous materials.
- Reviewed the applicability of the noise bylaw to Leaf Blowers. Since, in addition to noise, leaf blowers may also create other problems through the disturbance and spreading of dust or fertilizer particles, the NAC referred the



Front row left to right: Myla Kabat-Zinn, Martha Wood, Jeanne Krieger; Back row left to right: Steve Kropper, Tony Galaisis (chair), Julian Bussgang, and Bob Earsy; Members unable to come that evening: Jack Maloney and Ted Page.

matter to the Selectmen for consideration by a future committee with a broader charter.

- Reviewed noise policies of other municipalities to identify potential improvements for the Lexington Noise Bylaw. Submitted an article with some proposed changes to the permitted hours of equipment operation for the Spring 2009 Town Meeting. ■

Lexington by the Numbers



Settled 1642, incorporated as Town of Lexington 1713

Latitude: 42.26N

Longitude: 71.13W

Area of town in acres	10,650.42
Area of town in square miles	16.64
Extreme length in miles	5.80
Extreme width in miles	4.85
Highest elevation, feet above m.s.l.	374
Lowest elevation, feet above m.s.l.	110

	2007	2008
Population	29,771	28,850
Public School Student Enrollment	6,199	6,191
Town-owned conservation land, acres	1345.1	1345.1
Total Revenue Sources (FY)	\$137,968,024	\$145,764,671
Total Operating Expenses (FY)	\$137,823,010	\$144,828,549
Average single-family tax bill (FY)	\$8,789	\$9,105
Typical annual residential water/sewer bill (FY)	\$1,253	\$1,261
Solid Waste Trash (tons)	9,080	8,883
Recycled Materials (tons)	5,249	5,270
Average selling price of single-family home*	\$680,250	\$700,000
Single-family homes sold*	417	341
Single-family homes demolished	65	75
Permits issued for new single-family homes	57	74
Town of Lexington Moody's Credit Rating	Aaa	Aaa

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